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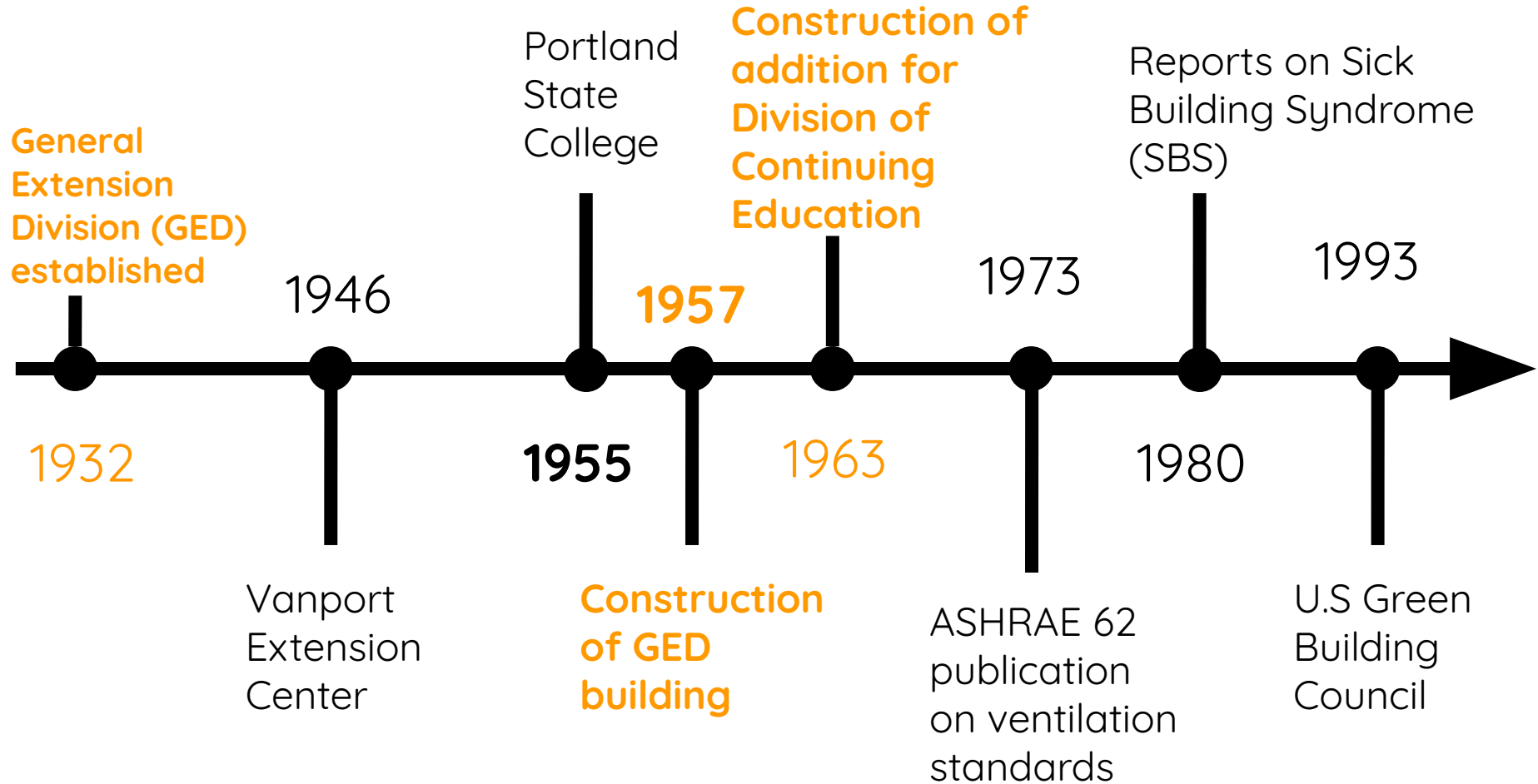


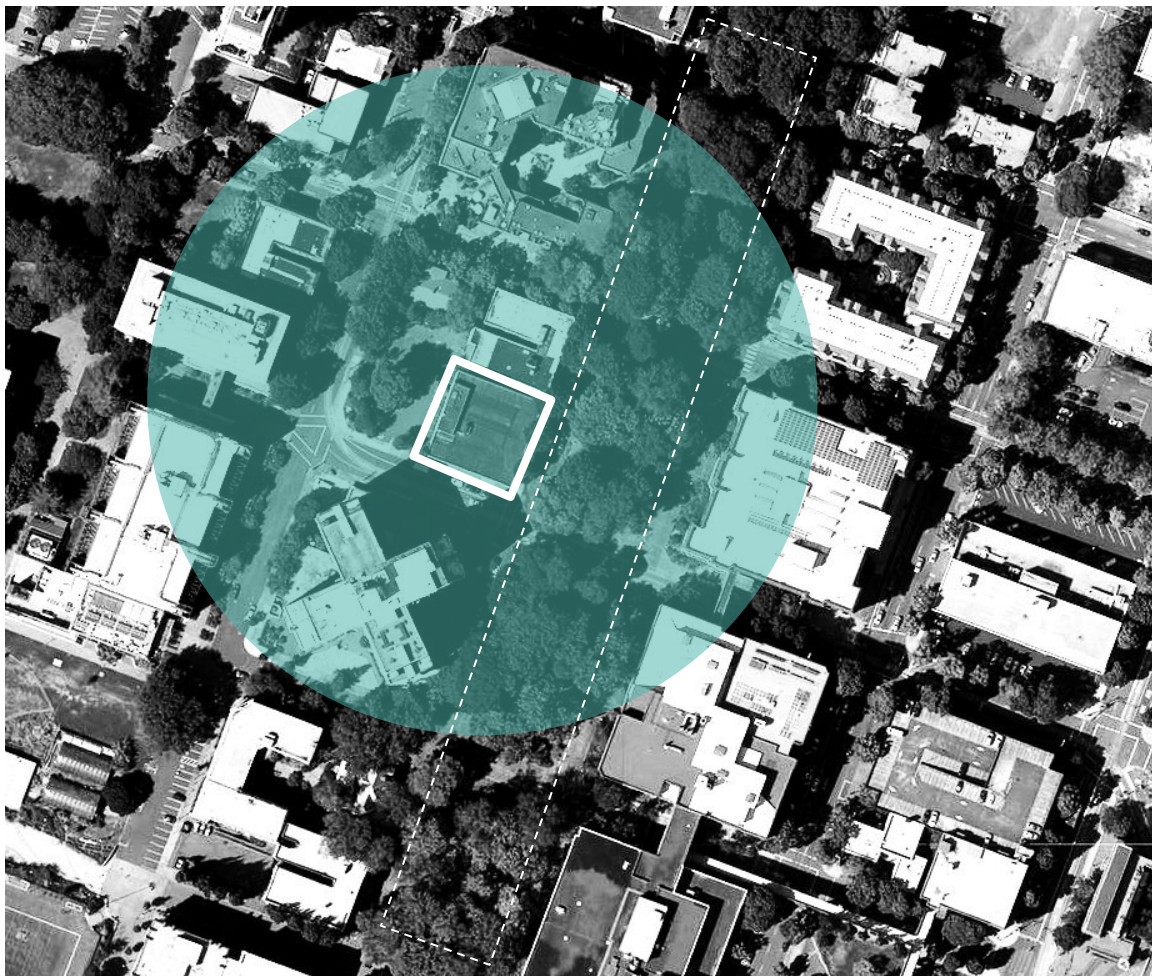
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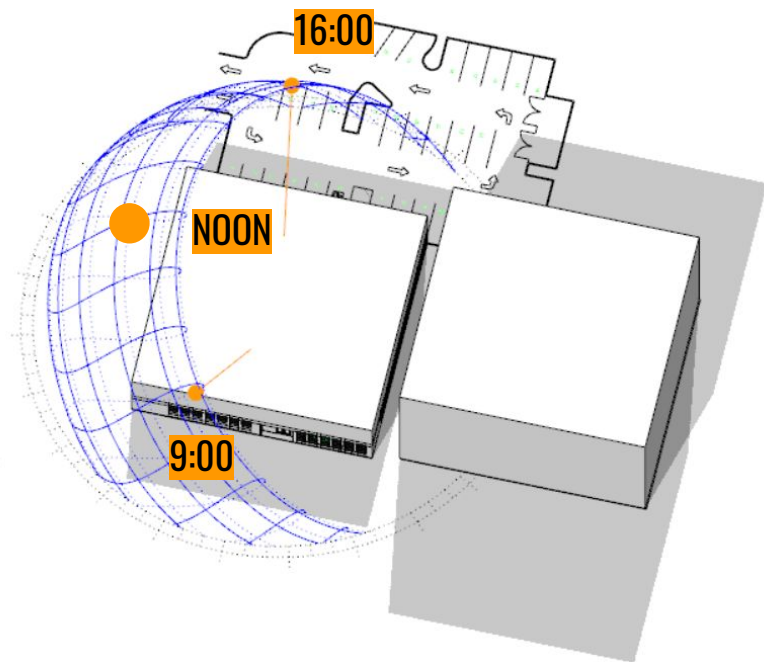
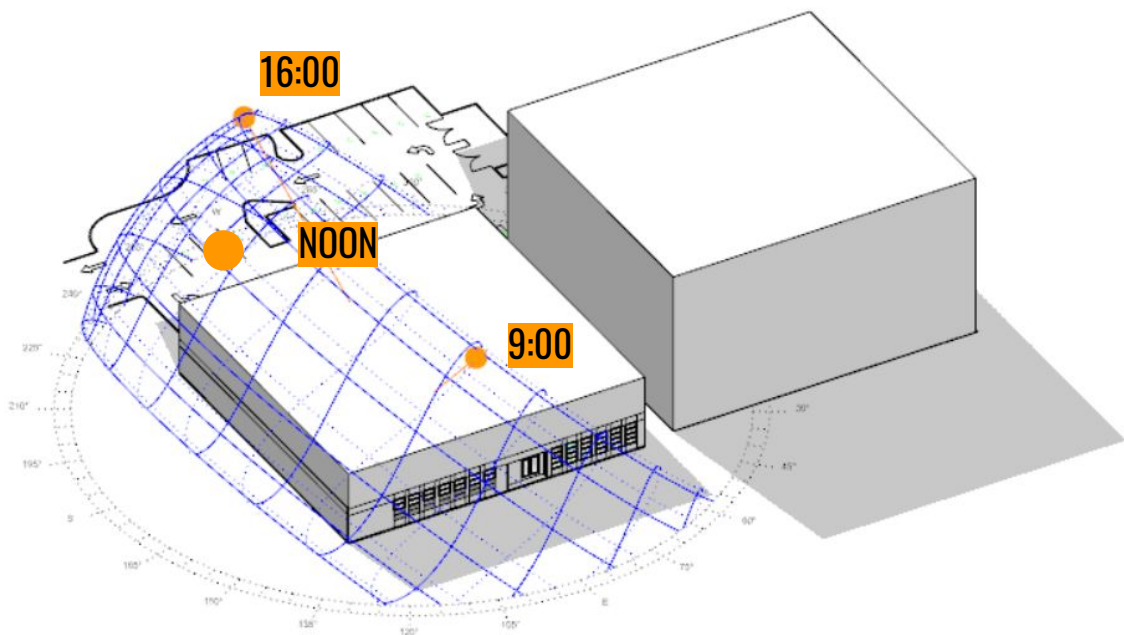
RESEARCH QUESTION:

Is duct cleaning beneficial in terms of energy efficiency and overall occupant comfort?









OBJECTIVES:

Interior Environmental and Indoor Air Quality Assessments of Workspaces to define Future Maintenance Procedures for Parkmill's Constant Air Volume (CAV) HVAC system.

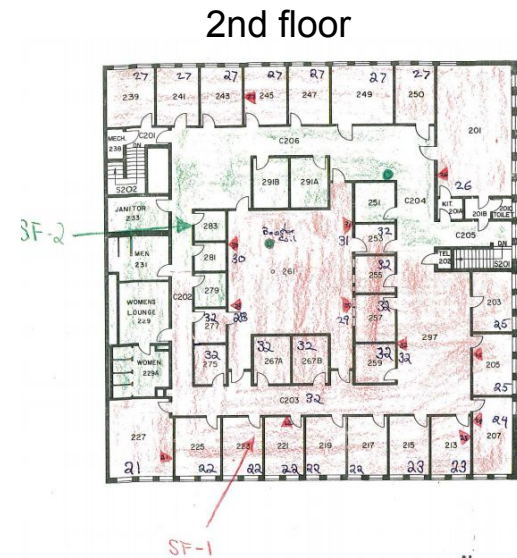
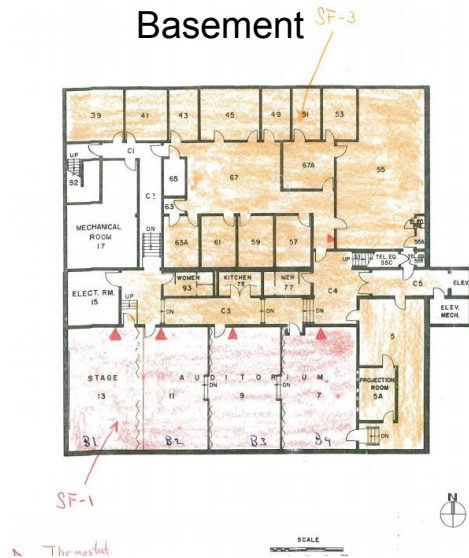
- Analyse the Interior Environmental Quality (IEQ)
- Evaluate the duct cleaning process.
- Analyse the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)
- Conduct a basic post occupancy evaluation.

Points to consider

- Duct cleaning has never been performed in Parkmill building since it was built in 1957.
- There are no evidence that significant amount of energy will be saved considering the cost of the duct cleaning.
- Green Revolving Funds qualification.
- The University Services Building (USB) example.
- The HVAC system is CAV.

The HVAC System

- Constant Air Volume (CAV)
- 3 Supply fans. SF-1 serves the first floor and some parts of other floors

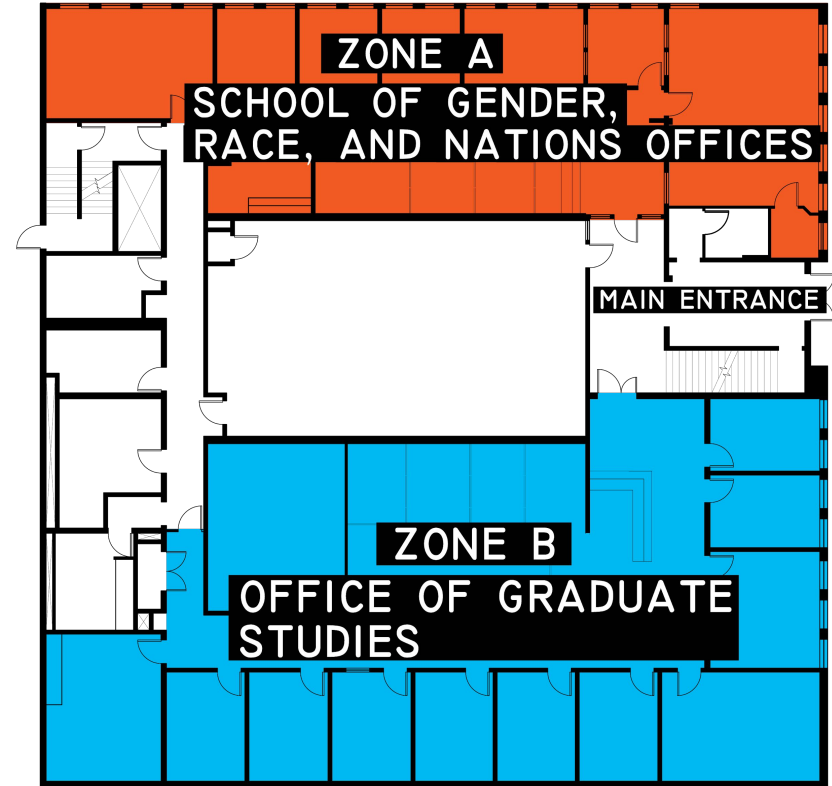


Two main zones

We decided to focus our study in the occupied spaces of the floor

We expected to to have a very close average indoor temperature and relative humidity in zones A and B.

CAV, and S-1



Methodology

- The Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) term is used to describe a low **pollutants** ambient air environment with a **comfortable temperature** and **relative humidity** level.
- Data will be gathered using Sensors and surveys to assess the current IAQ, and will be done again after the completion of the duct cleaning process.

Temperature, RH, and CO₂ Sensors

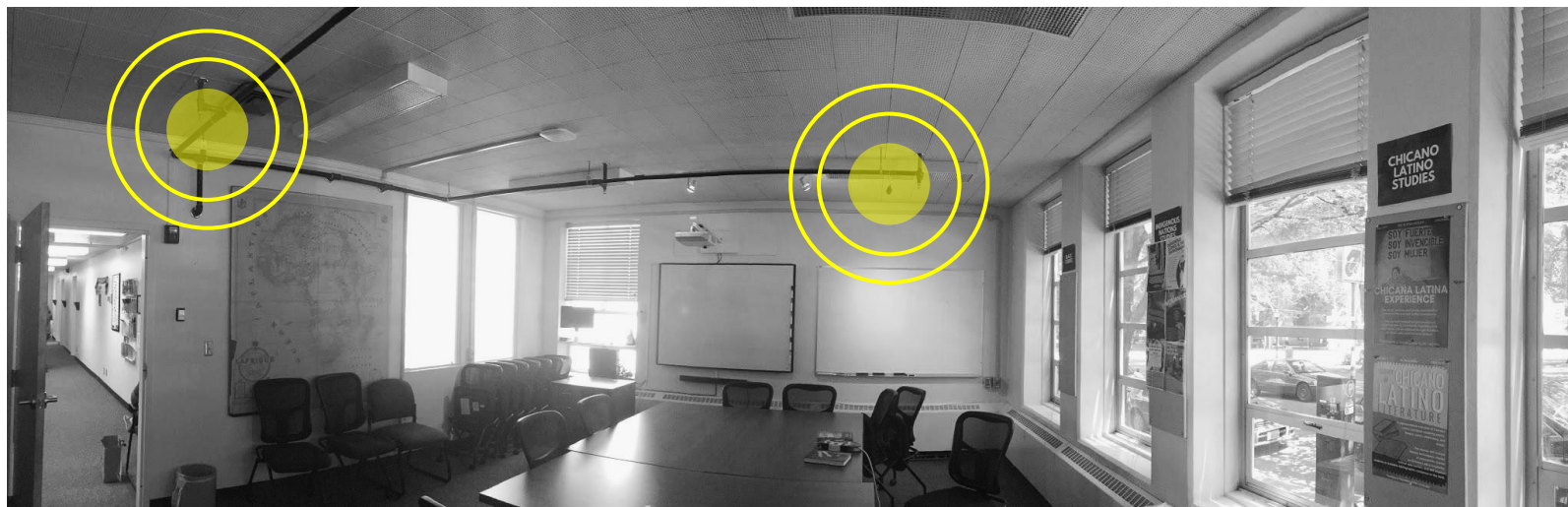
- Kestrel Drop data loggers
- Onset HOBO MX CO₂ Logger
- Data loggers were set to take readings every 30 min



150



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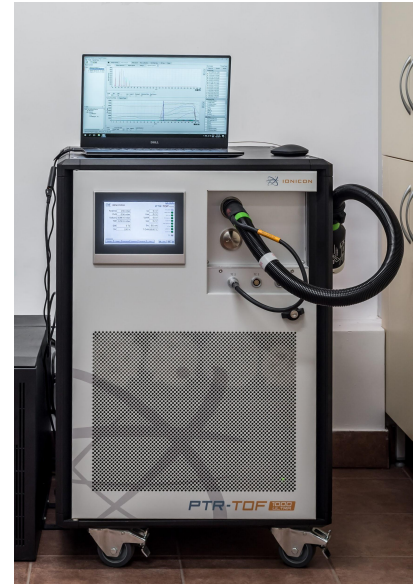


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TVOC, PM, and air flow

- VOC.TraQ to measure the TVOCs, VelociCalc for air Velocity,
- And FLUKE for PM
- Mass Spectrometer.



Temperature, T (F)
relative Humidity, rH (%)



Temperature, T (F)
relative Humidity, rH (%)



HOBO ONSET CO2 (ppm)



HOB0 Occupancy/Light (lux)

Deployment: 10 July - 11 July

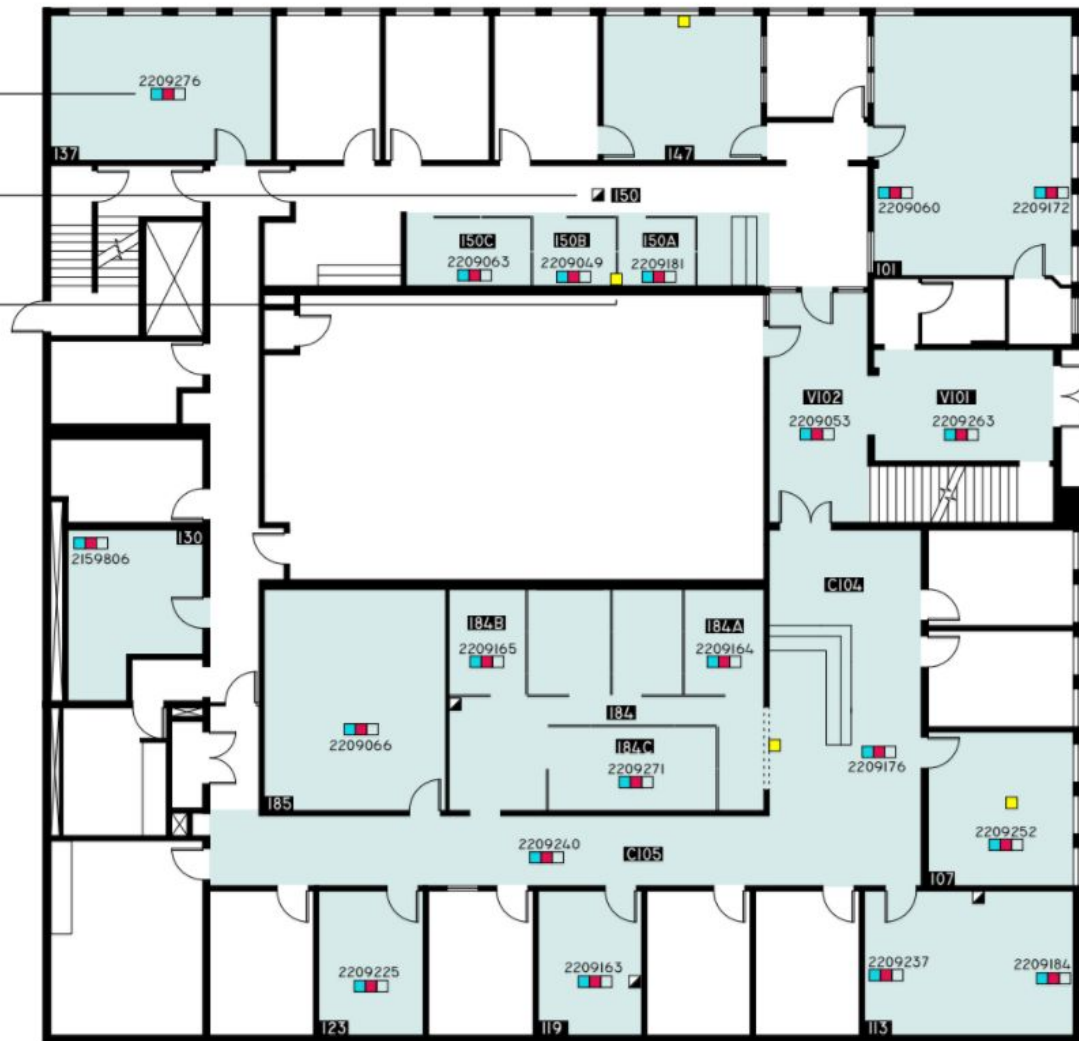
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25 July
01 Aug
08 Aug

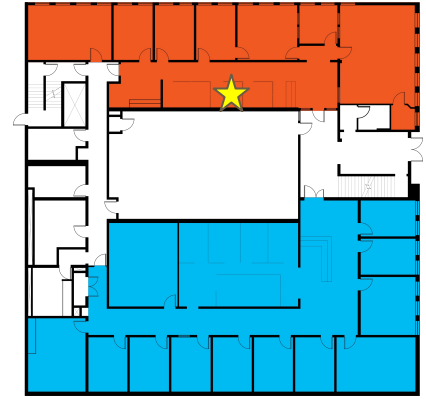
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Sensor collection/
End of testing period: 11 Aug

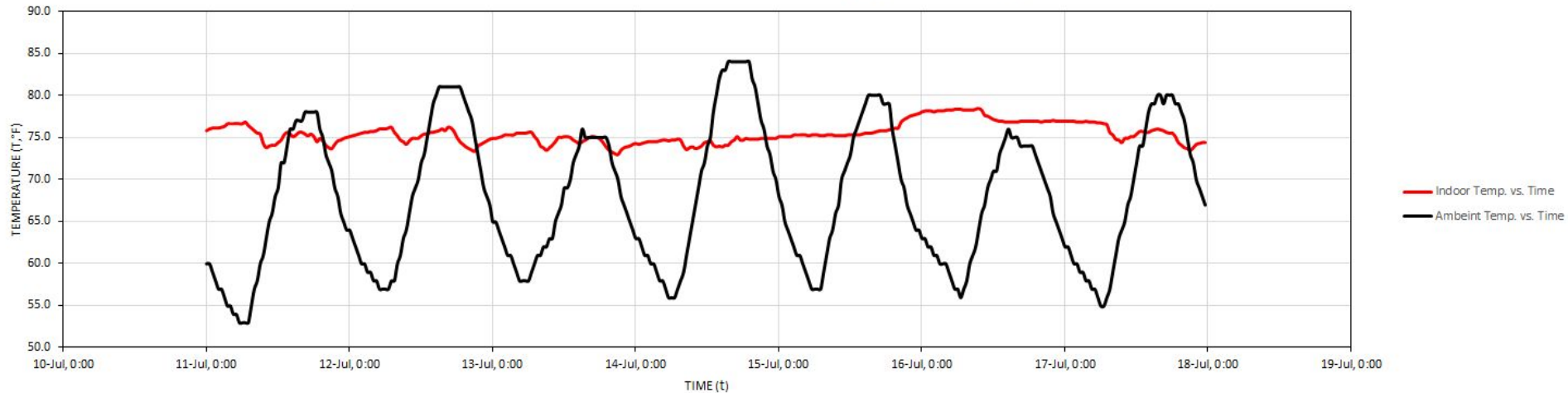
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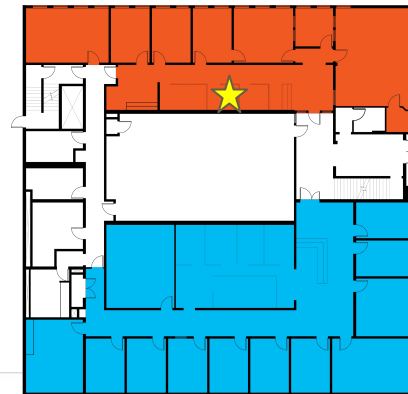
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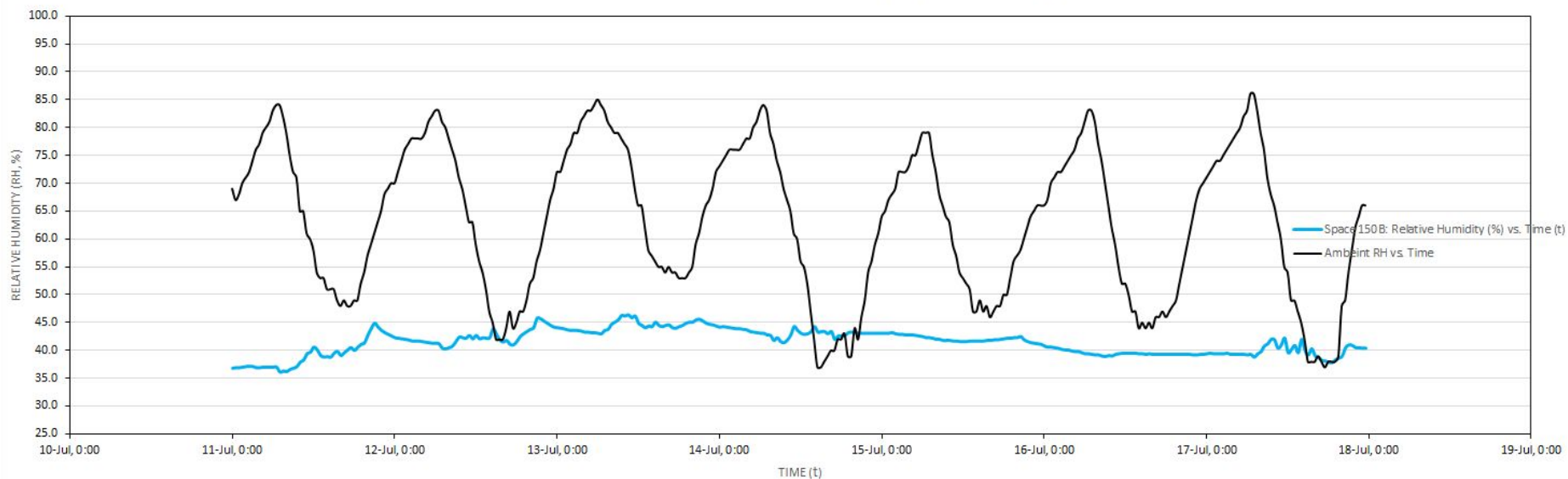
SPACE 150B: TEMPERATURE (T) VS. TIME (t)



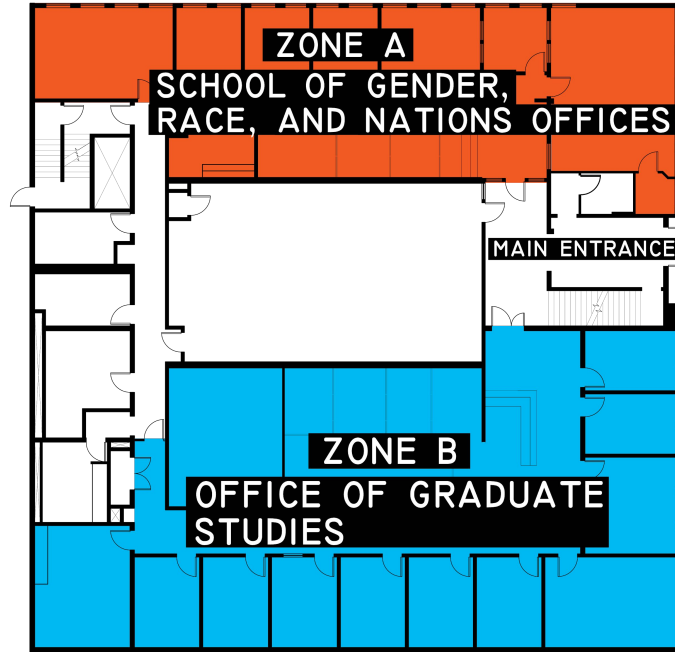
Kestrels results



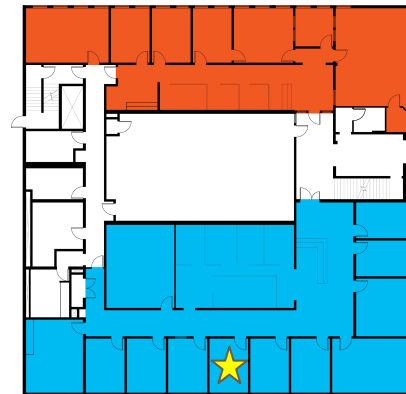
SPACE 150B: RELATIVE HUMIDITY (%) VS. TIME (t)



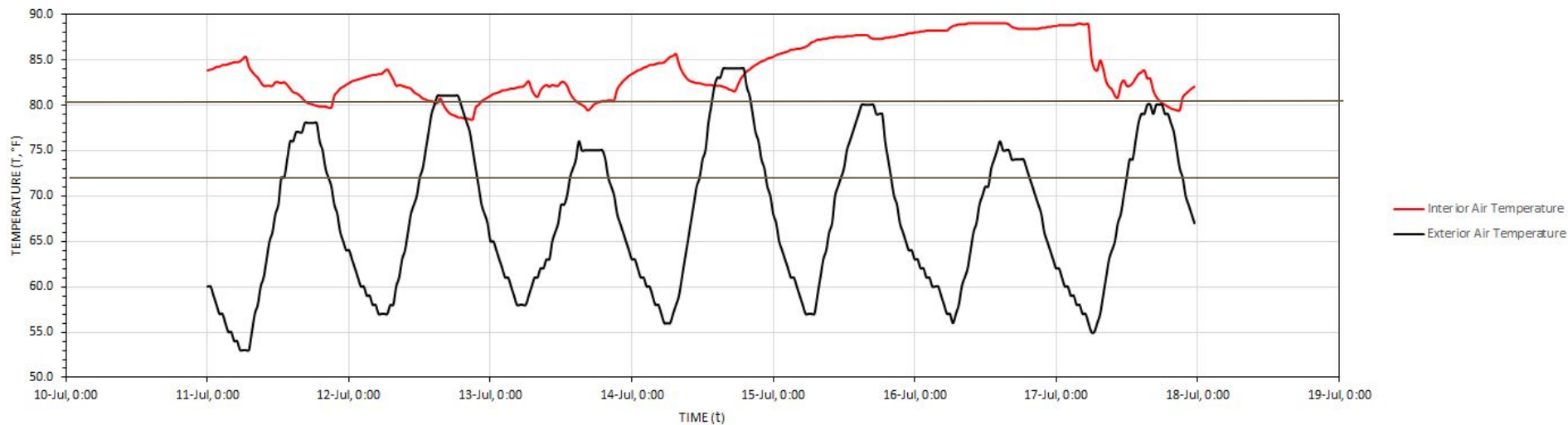
What about Zone B ?



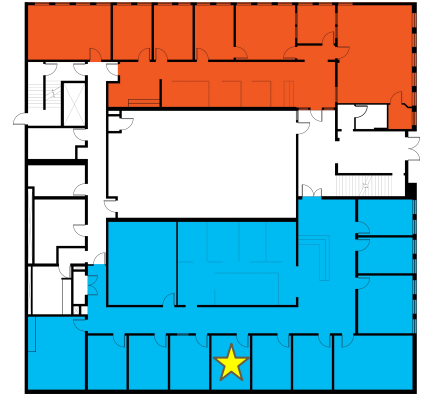
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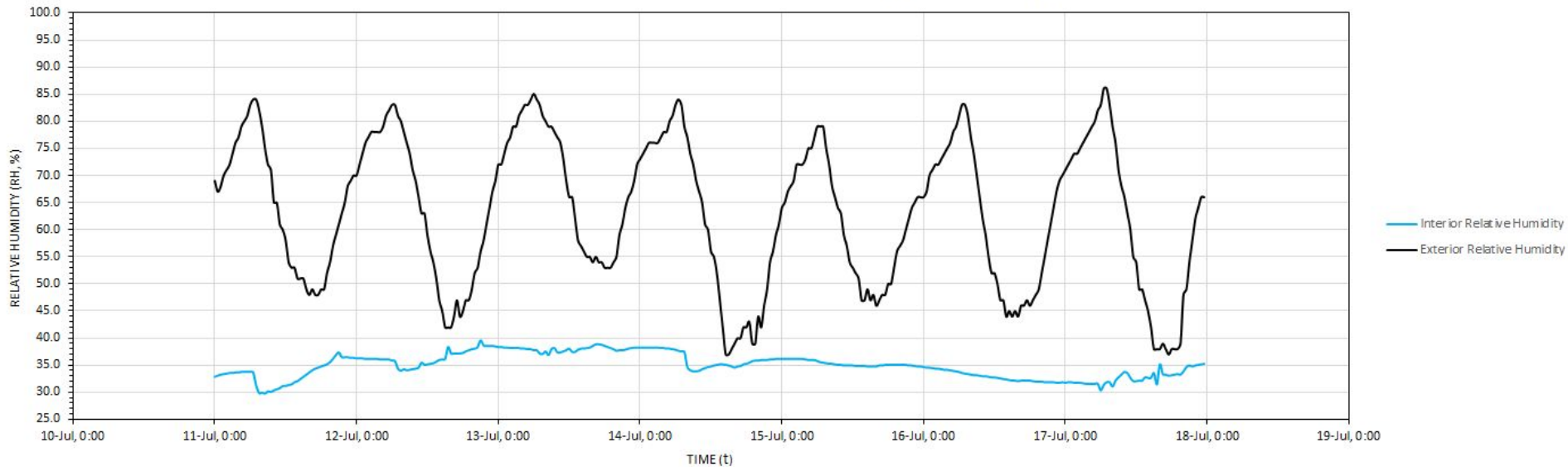
SPACE 119: TEMPERATURE (°F) VS. TIME (t)



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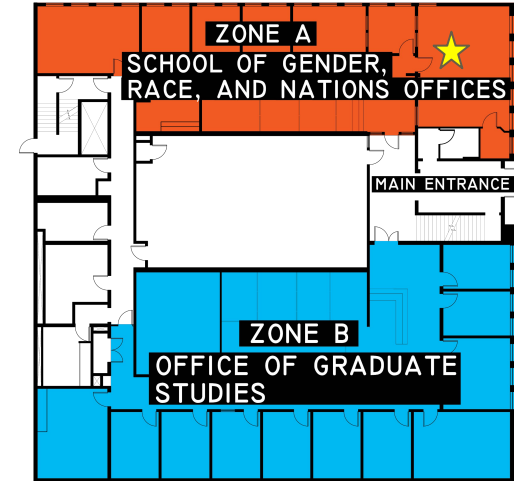


SPACE 119: RELATIVE HUMIDITY (%) VS. TIME (t)



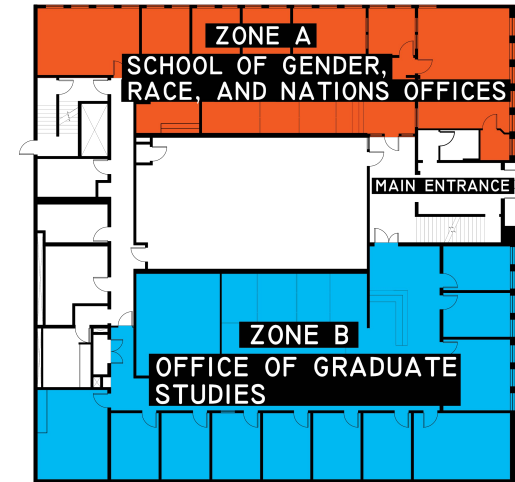
Maximum Temperature and RH Zone A vs. Zone B

Zone A			Zone B		
Space	Max. Temp. (F)	Max. RH (%)	Space	Max. Temp. (F)	Max. RH (%)
150A	78.3	45.7	107	79.4	46.8
150B	78.4	46.3	113A	80.2	42.9
150C	77.7	46	113B	80.9	40.5
101A	76.3	53.5	119	89	39.6
101B	76.2	52.1	123	83.5	41.1
141	77.7	50.1	184A	79.2	44.9
			184B	79.3	45.4
			184C	79.5	45.3
			185	78.9	50.7
			C104	80.4	44
Average	77.4	49.0		81.0	44.1



Average Temperature and RH Zone A vs. Zone B

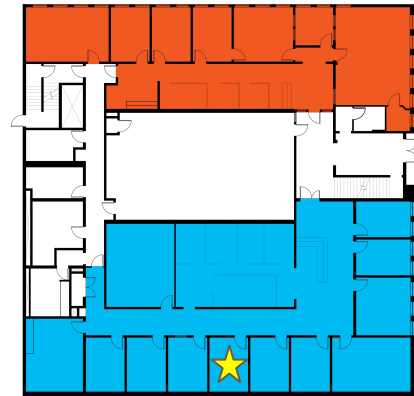
Zone A			Zone B		
Space	Avg. Temp. (F)	Avg. RH (%)	Space	Avg. Temp. (F)	Avg. RH (%)
150A	75.5	41.3	107	75.5	40.6
150B	75.5	41.4	113A	78.1	38.7
150C	75.5	41.3	113B	79.1	37.2
101A	72.1	46.2	119	84	35
101B	72.3	45.6	123	80.4	37.5
141	74.9	41.6	184A	76.4	40.5
			184B	76.5	40.3
			184C	76.6	40.3
			185	74.7	43.1
			C104	77.1	39.5
Average	74.3	42.9		77.8	39.3



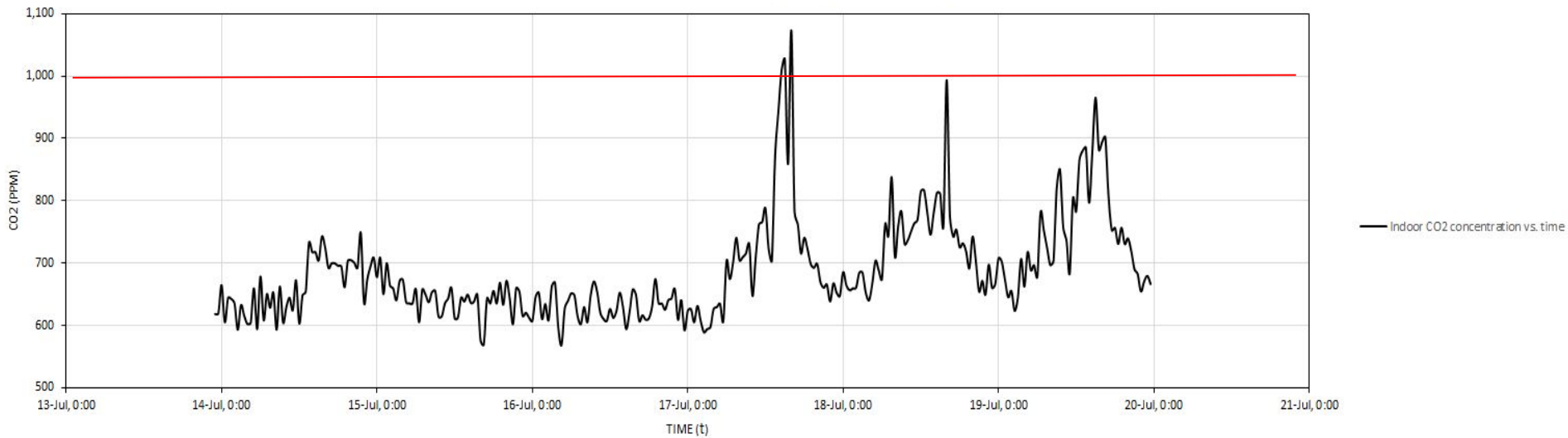
HOBOS Maximum CO₂ results

HOBOS			
Space	Temp, °F	RH, %	CO2, ppm
113	80	41.83	836
119	89.32	41.39	1,072.00
150	77.2	49.26	790
184	75.9	51.06	747

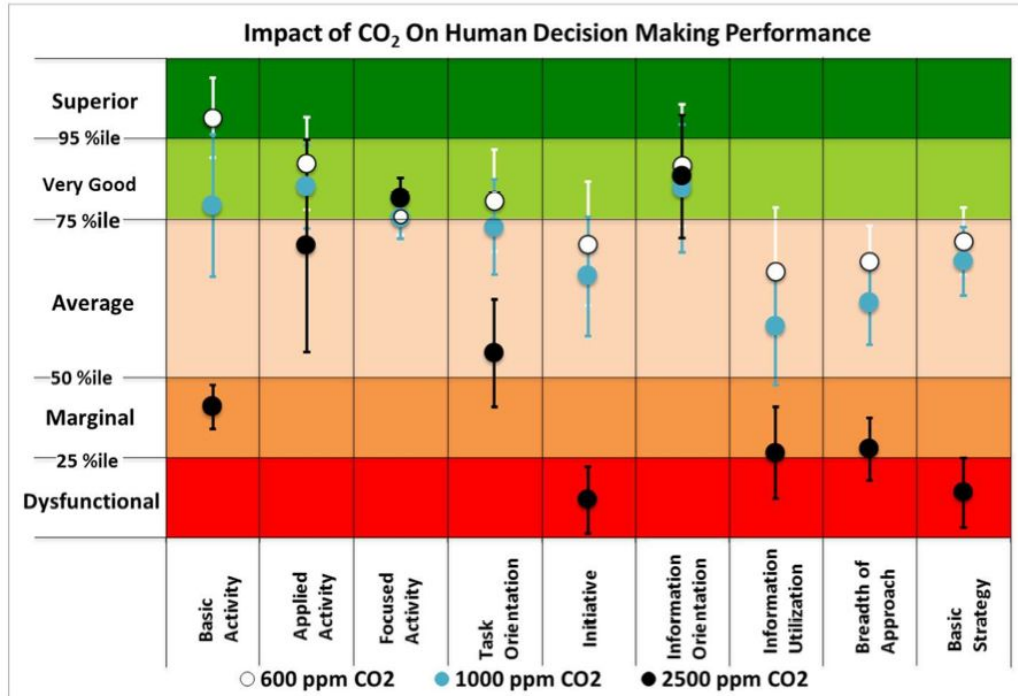
Space 119 CO2 levels



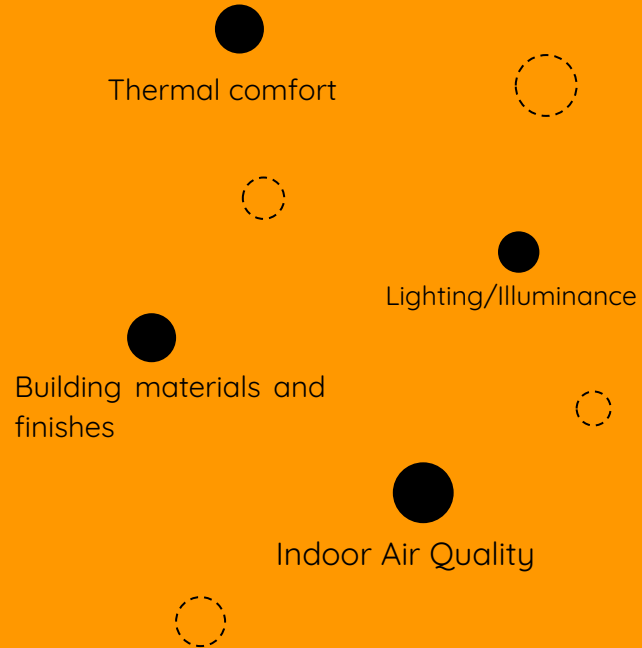
SPACE 119: CO2 (PPM) VS. TIME (t)



CO2 level vs performance



Methodology

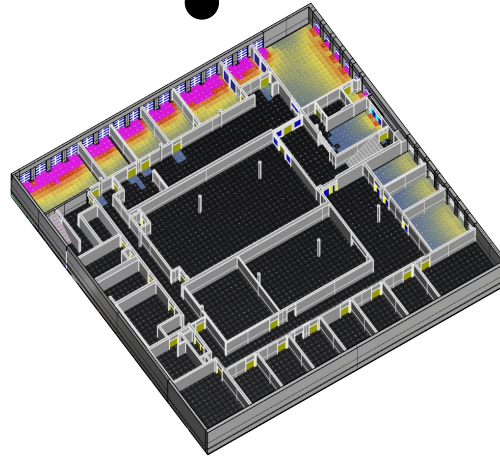


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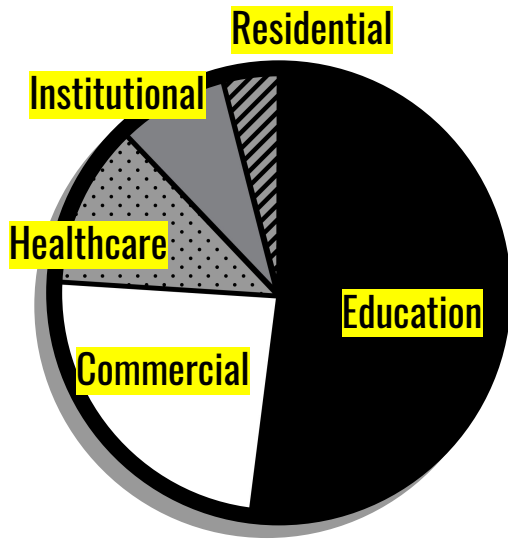
Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ)



9:30a | 12:30p | 3:30p →



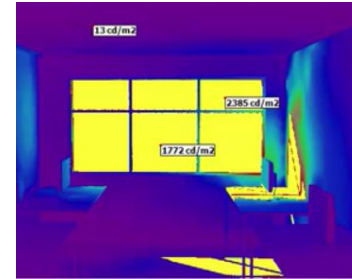
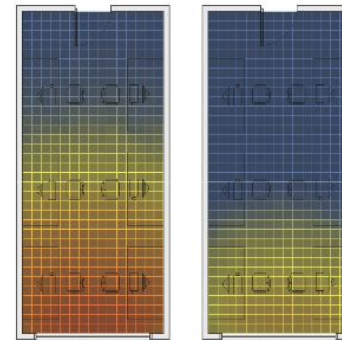
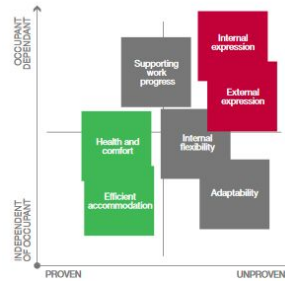
Testing plan



Finding value in Post Occupancy Evaluations



Materials



Illuminance Daylighting + Artificial Lighting



Lux

100

417

733

1050

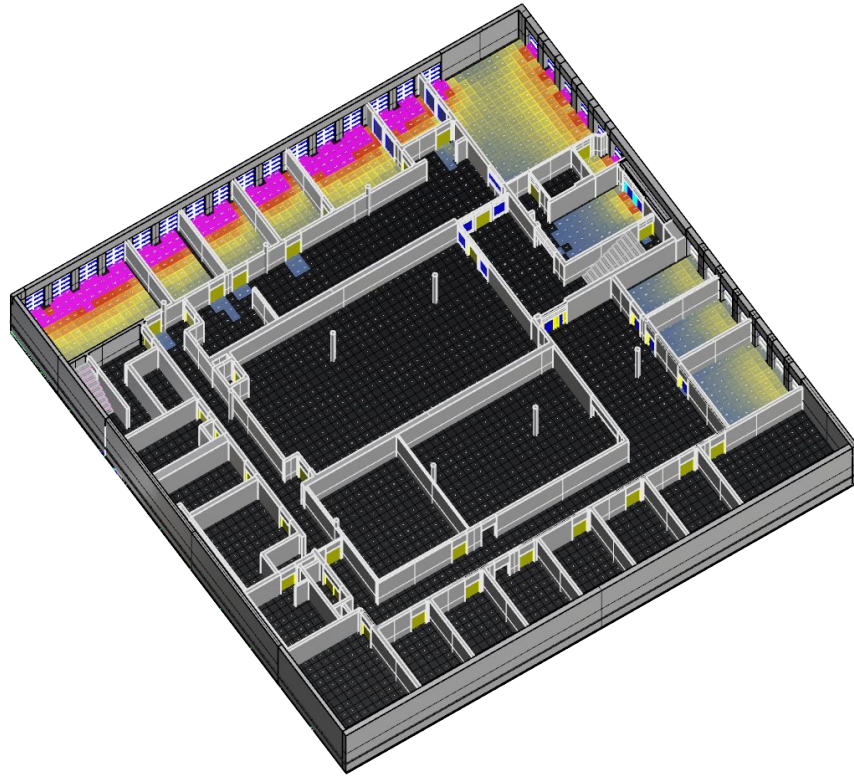
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12:30p

- North Glazing material type
- East facade trees; “shading”
- Artificial lighting measurements

DIVA simulations
and diagram

Sample of the survey questions

During the summer, I find that the air temperature in my work space is:

- ☐ Hotter than the outside temperature
- ☐ Slightly warmer than the outside temperature
- ☐ About the same as the outside temperature
- ☐ Slightly cooler than the outside temperature
- ☐ Colder than the outside temperature
- ☐ I have not noticed a difference between the air temperature inside my work space and the external air temperature

During what days in the week do you experience (in your work space) temperatures that you consider to be uncomfortably hot? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Monday
- ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Thursday
- ☐ Friday
- ☐ Weekends (if applicable)
- ☐ Daily
- ☐ I have not experienced this situation in my work space

**Survey
Implementation**

Please rate your satisfaction with the air temperature in your work space during the past month.

- | Extremely satisfied | Moderately satisfied | Neither satisfied
nor dissatisfied | Moderately
dissatisfied | Extremely
dissatisfied |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
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How would you describe the impact of air temperature on your productivity and ability to work efficiently.

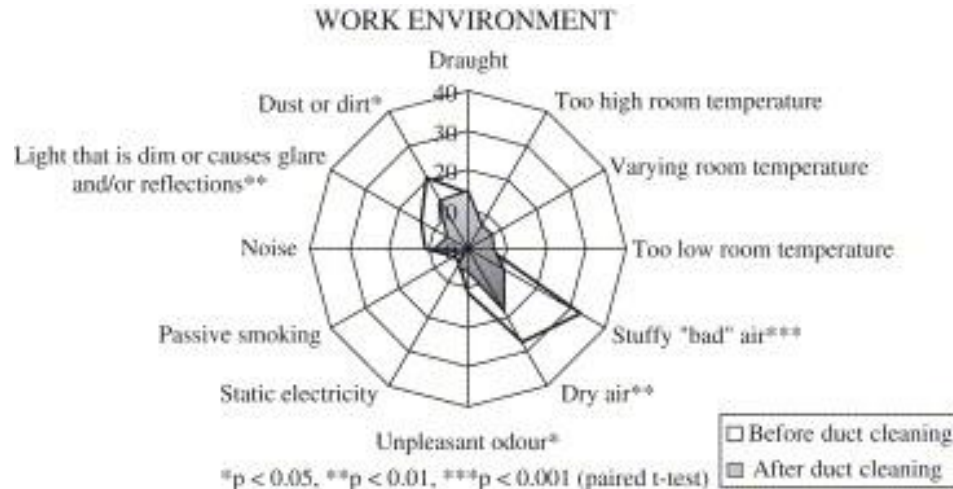
- | Extremely positive | Moderately positive | Neither positive nor
negative | Moderately
negative | Extremely negative |
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During the past month, have you used a personal space heater or personal cooling device (e.g fan)?

- ☐ personal space heater
- ☐ personal cooling device (e.g fan)
- ☐ both

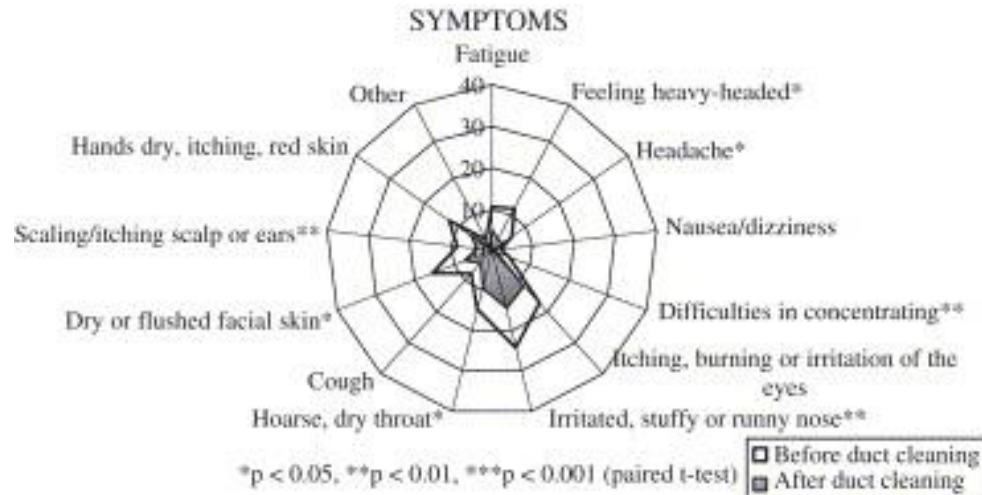
Literature reviews on duct cleaning effects

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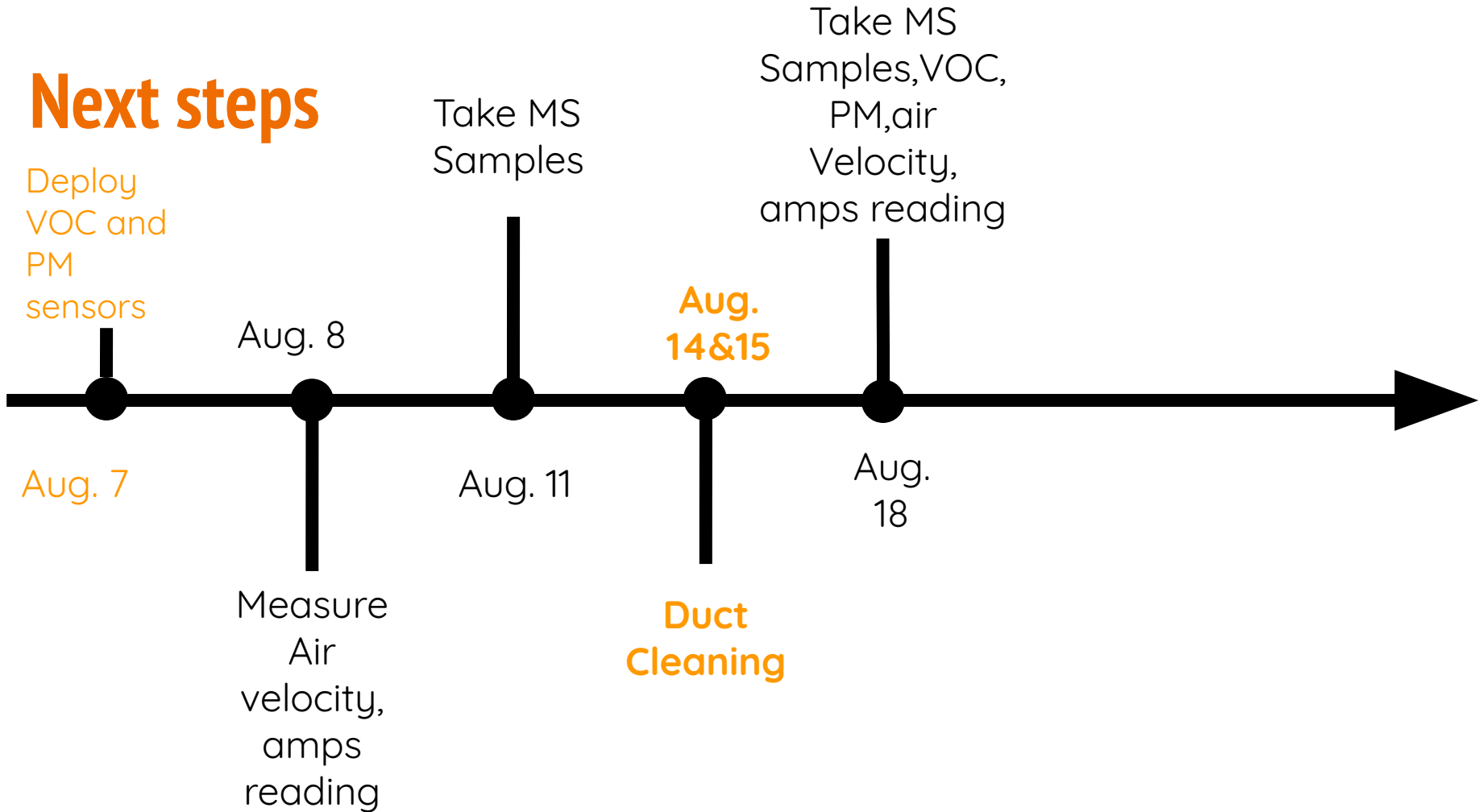


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Next steps



Duct Cleaning



Duct Cleaning

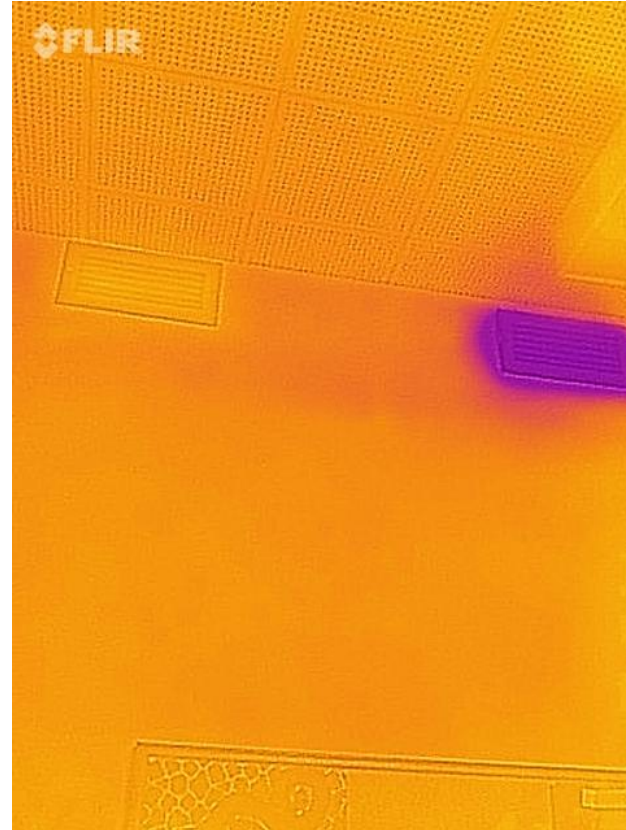


Energy usage

Supply fan 1		
#	Before (amps)	After (amps)
A	22.2	24.2
B	23.6	23.7
C	26.6	24.8
Avg.	24.13	24.23

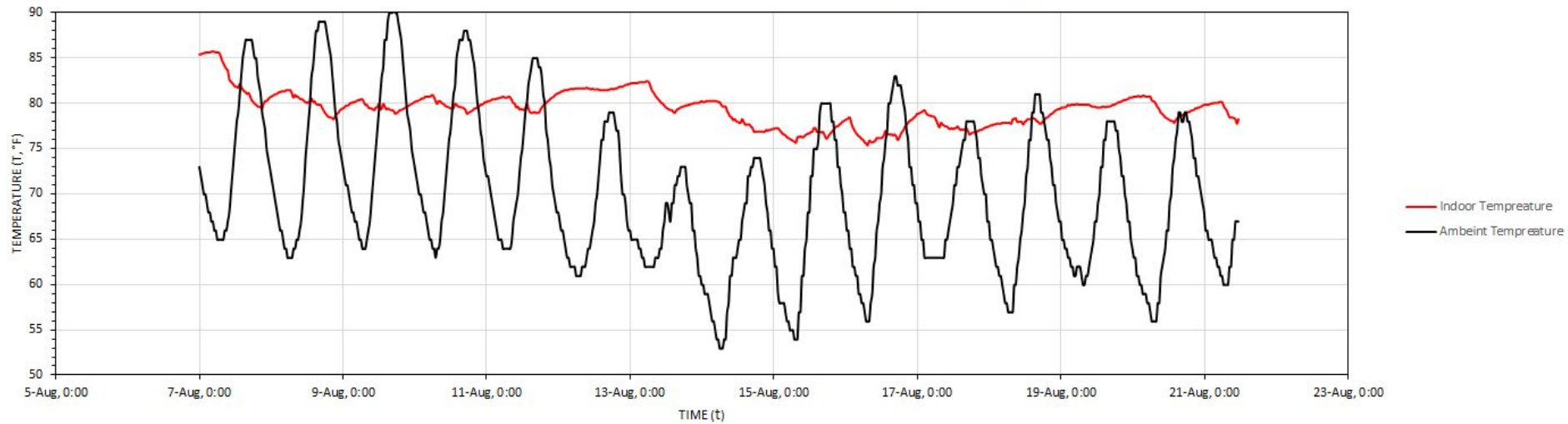
RAF 1		
#	Before (amps)	After (amps)
A	17.9	17.8
B	17.1	17.5
C	16.9	17.4
Avg.	17.30	17.57

Thermal images



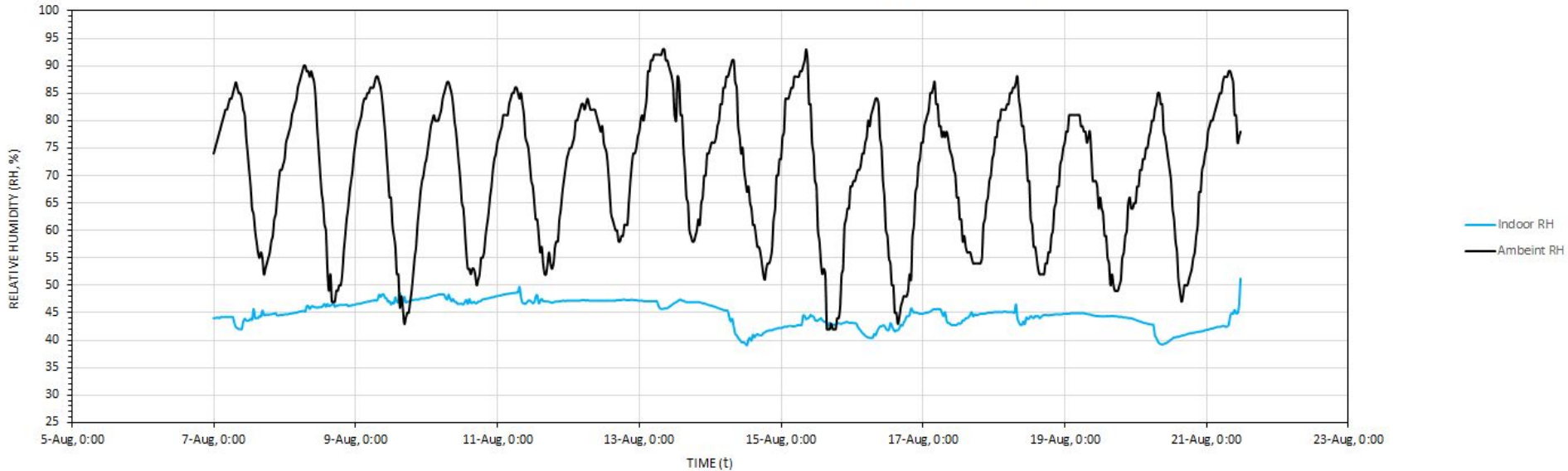
Temperature

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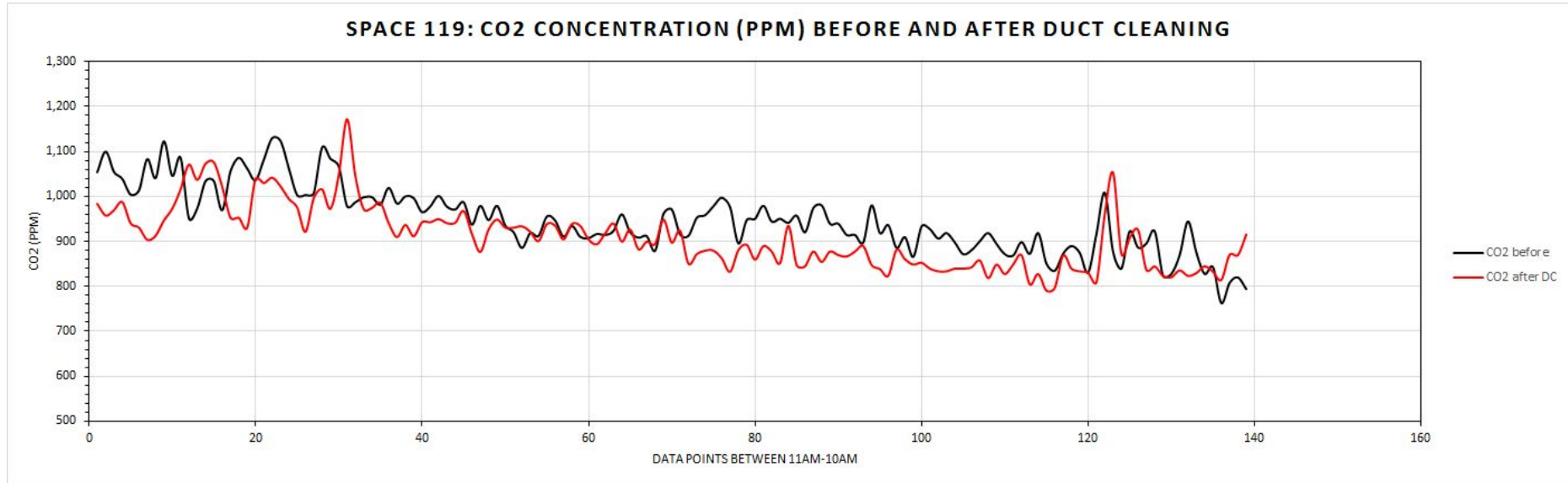
Relative Humidity

SPACE 119: RELATIVE HUMIDITY (%) VS. TIME (t)



CO2

The data was taken on August 9th and 23rd from 11am-10am



Particulate Matters

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH RISKS OF PARTICULATE MATTER?

Particulate matter poses a serious health risk because it can travel into the respiratory tract. PM_{2.5} is especially dangerous because it can penetrate deep into the lungs and sometimes even into the bloodstream.

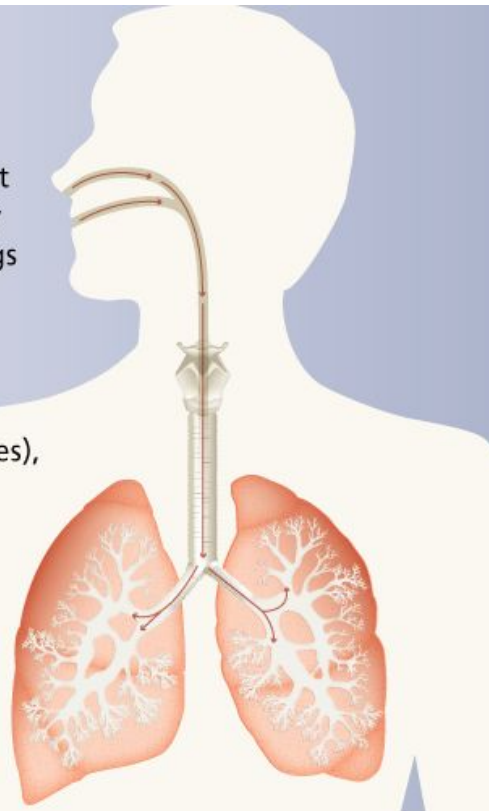
HEALTH EFFECTS

- » Decreased lung function
- » Chronic bronchitis
- » Increased respiratory symptoms
- » Cardiac arrhythmias (heartbeat irregularities),
- » Heart attacks
- » Premature death

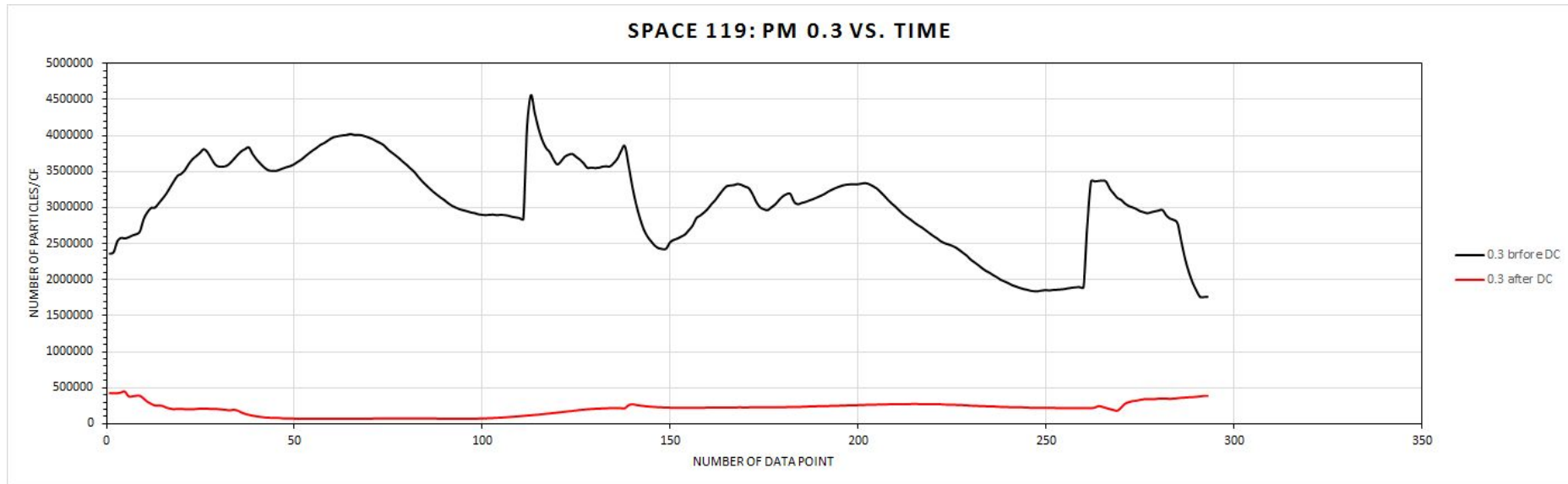
GROUPS SENSITIVE TO PM_{2.5}

- » People with heart or lung disease
- » Older adults
- » Children
- » Pregnant women

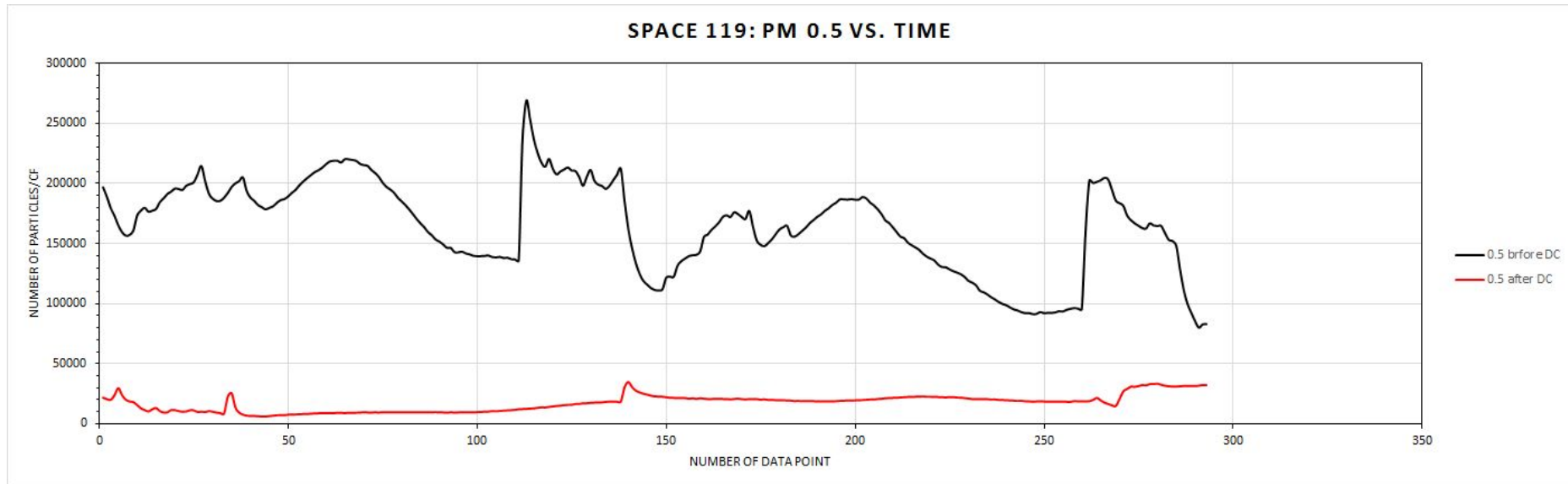
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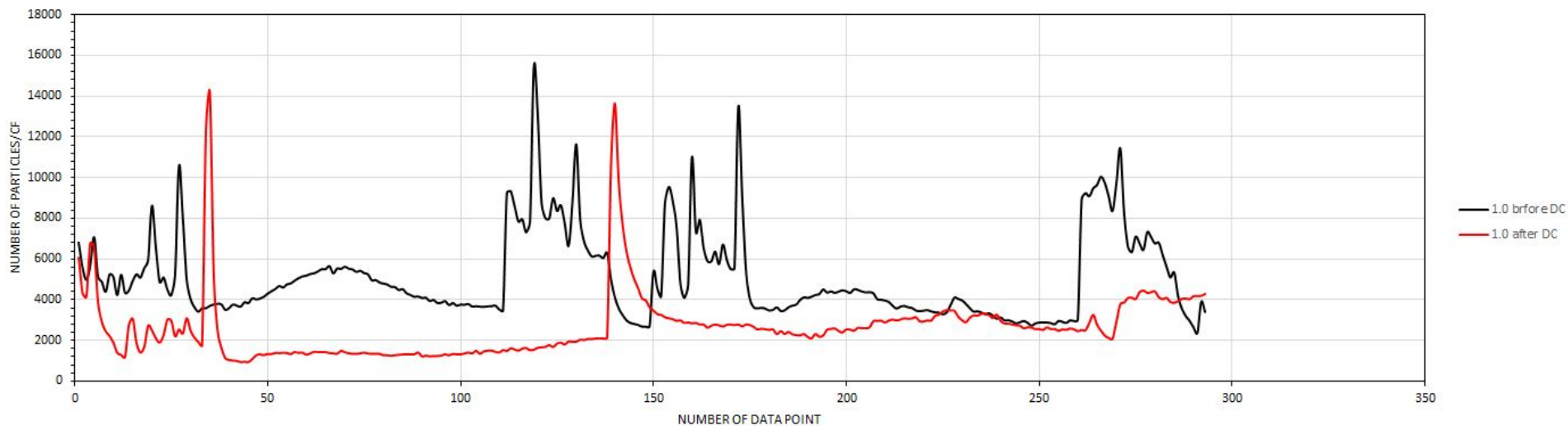


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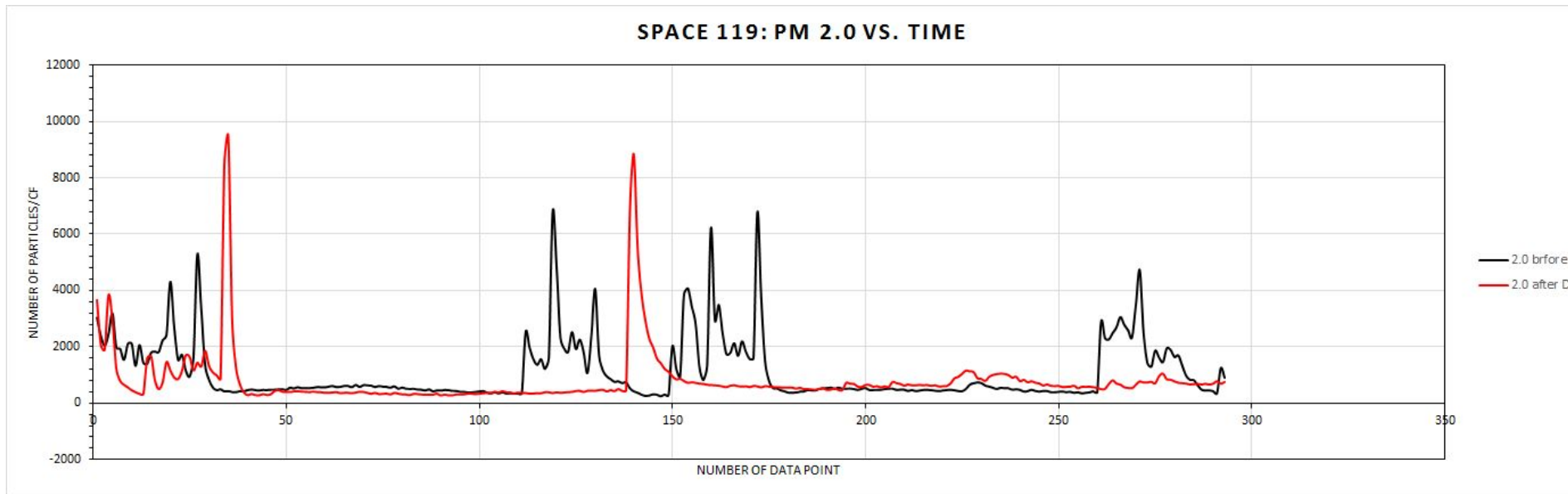


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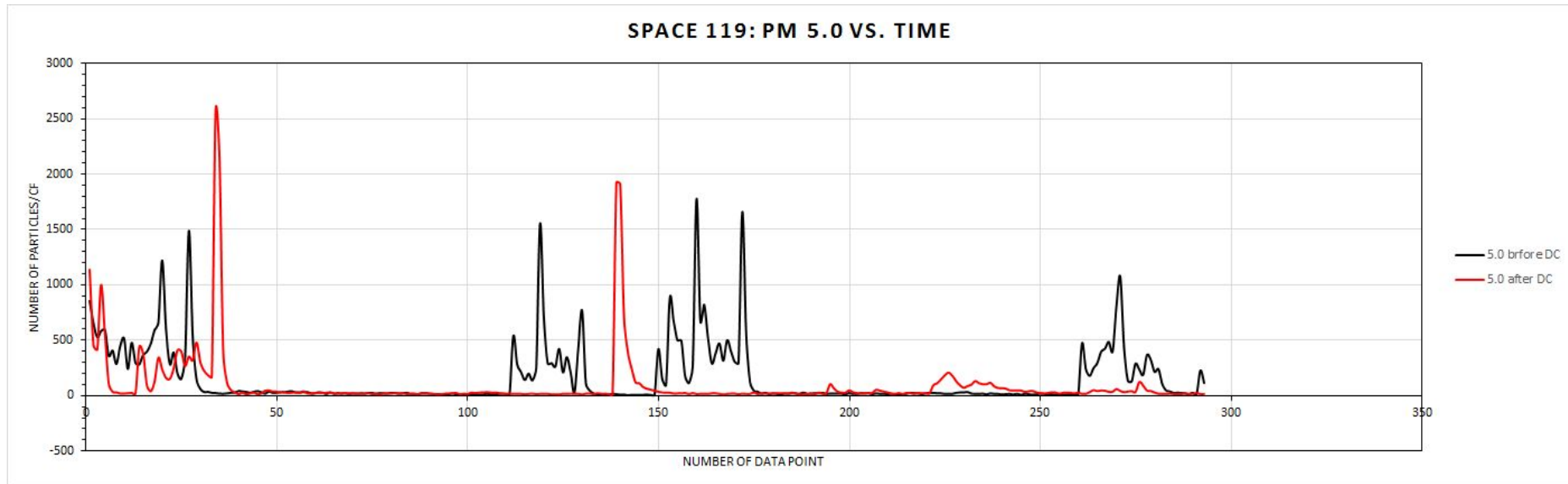
SPACE 119: PM 1.0 VS. TIME



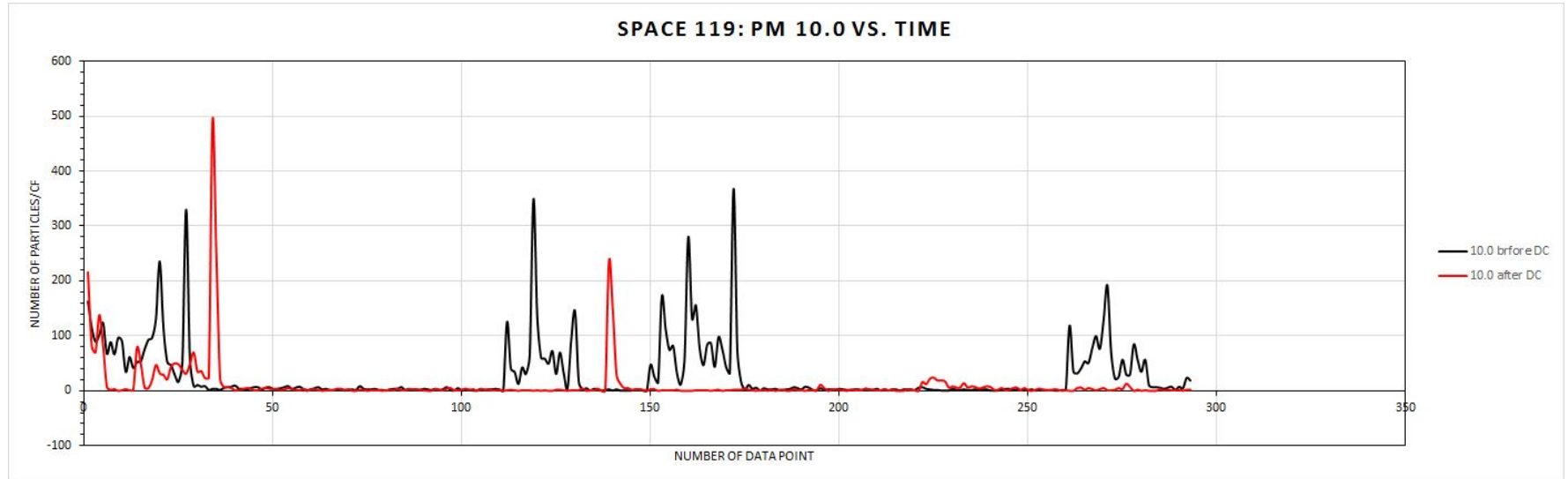
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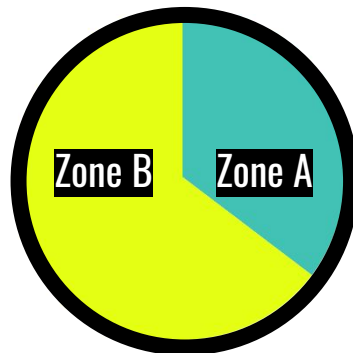
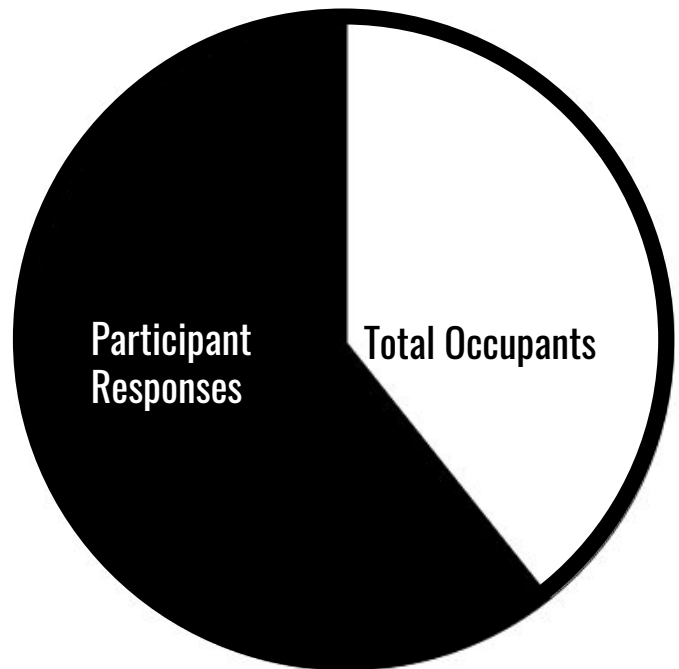


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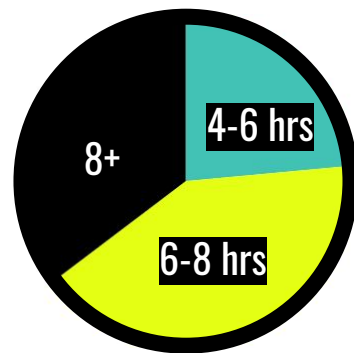


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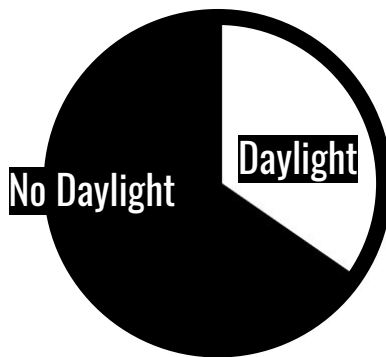




Total Response per Zone



Hours Worked



Work Spaces with Daylight Exposure

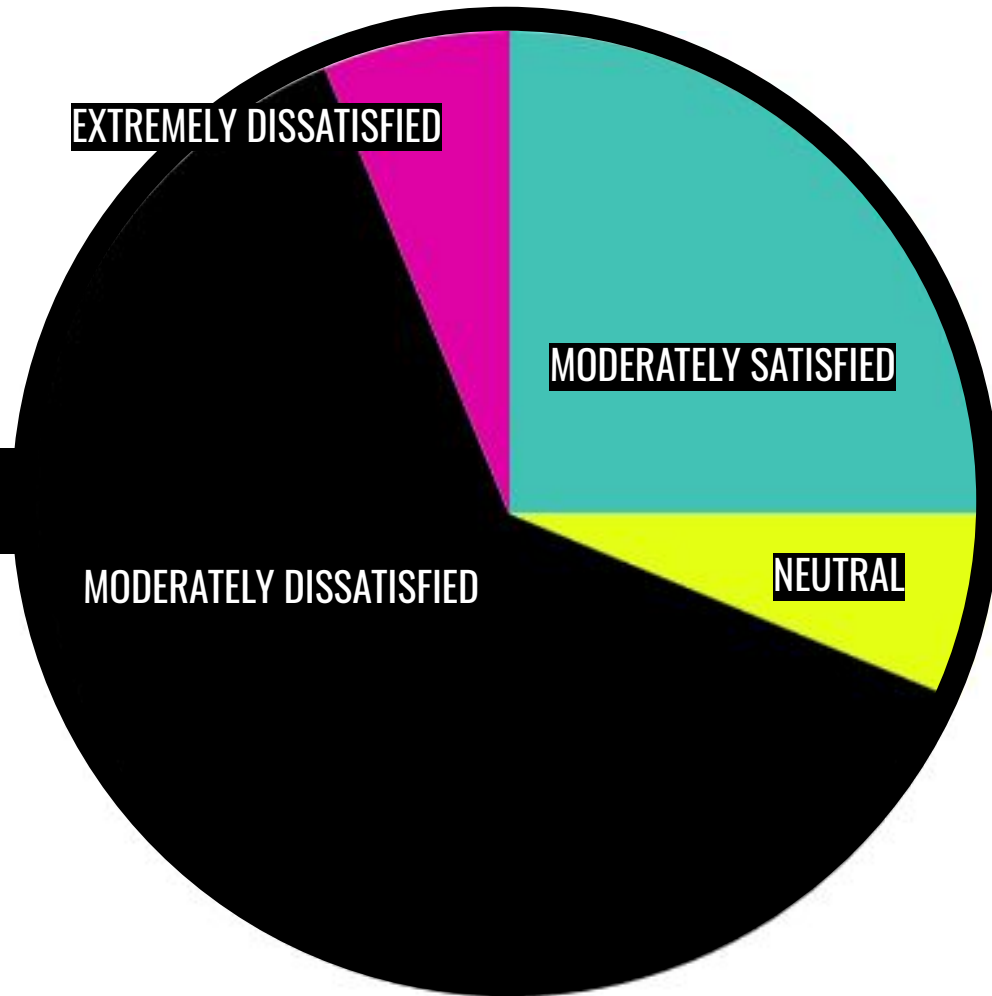


Participants with Daylight Exposure

Thermal Comfort

**Please rate your satisfaction with
the air temperature in your work
space during the past month**

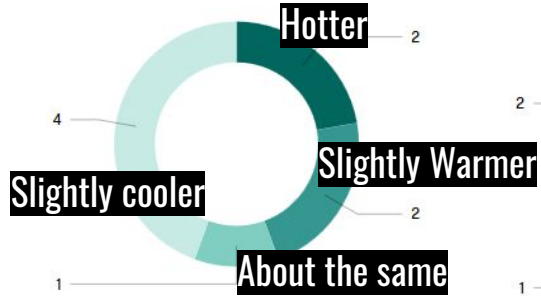
Thermal Comfort



Thermal Comfort

During the summer, I find that the
air temperature in my work space is:

MONDAY



TUESDAY



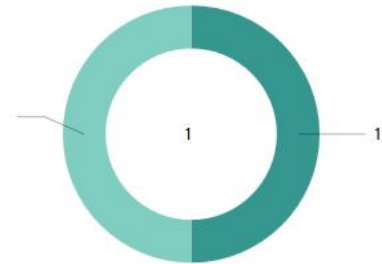
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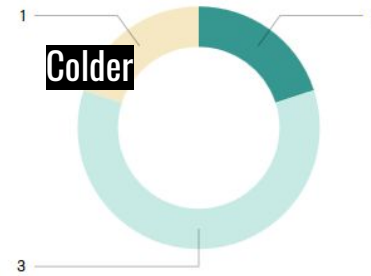
THURSDAY



DAILY



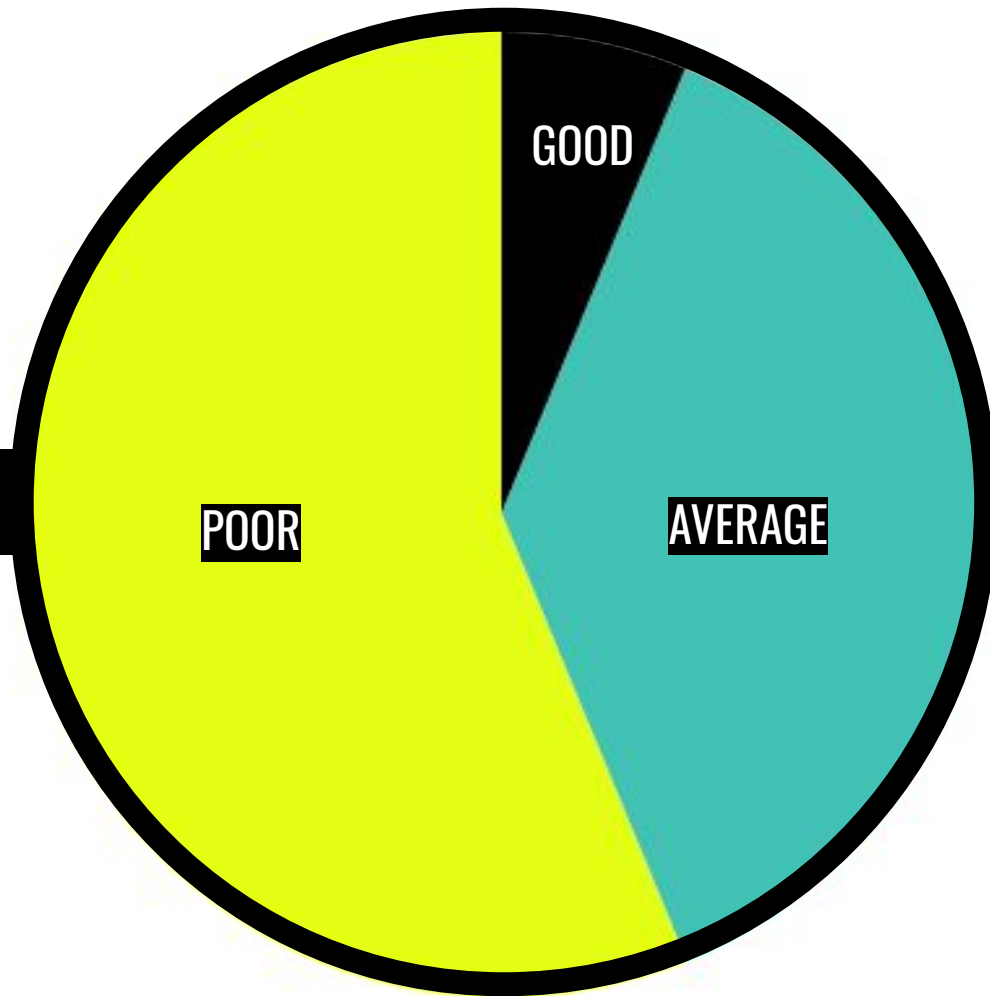
I HAVE NOT EXPERIENCES THIS SITUATION IN MY WORK SPACE



Indoor Air Quality

**How would you rate the indoor
quality in your work space?**

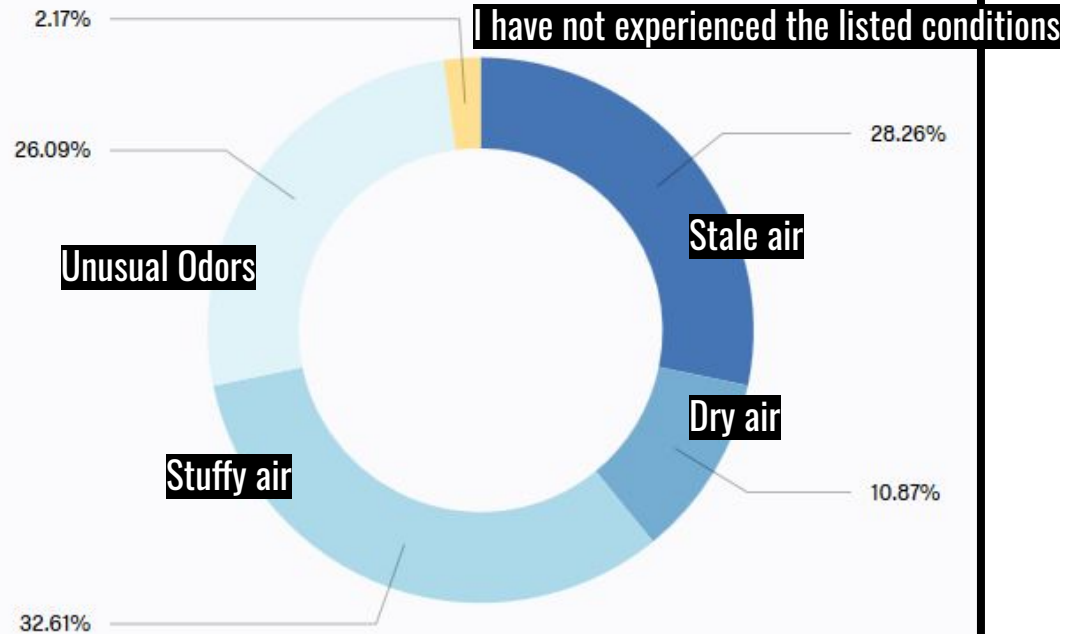
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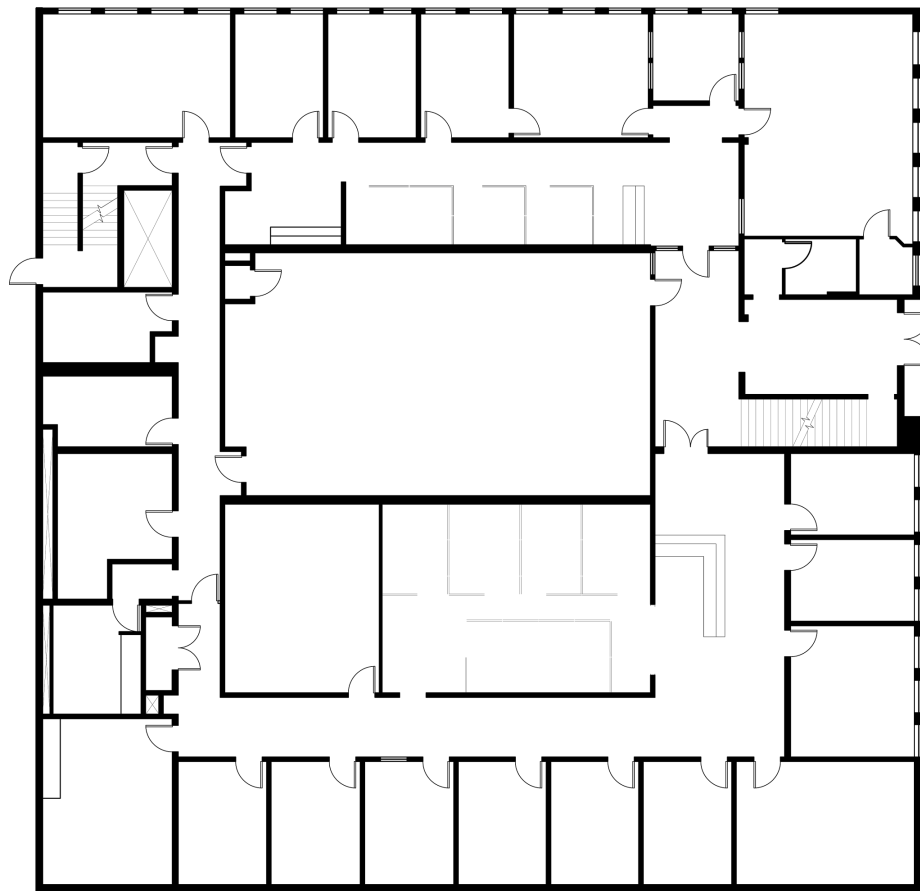


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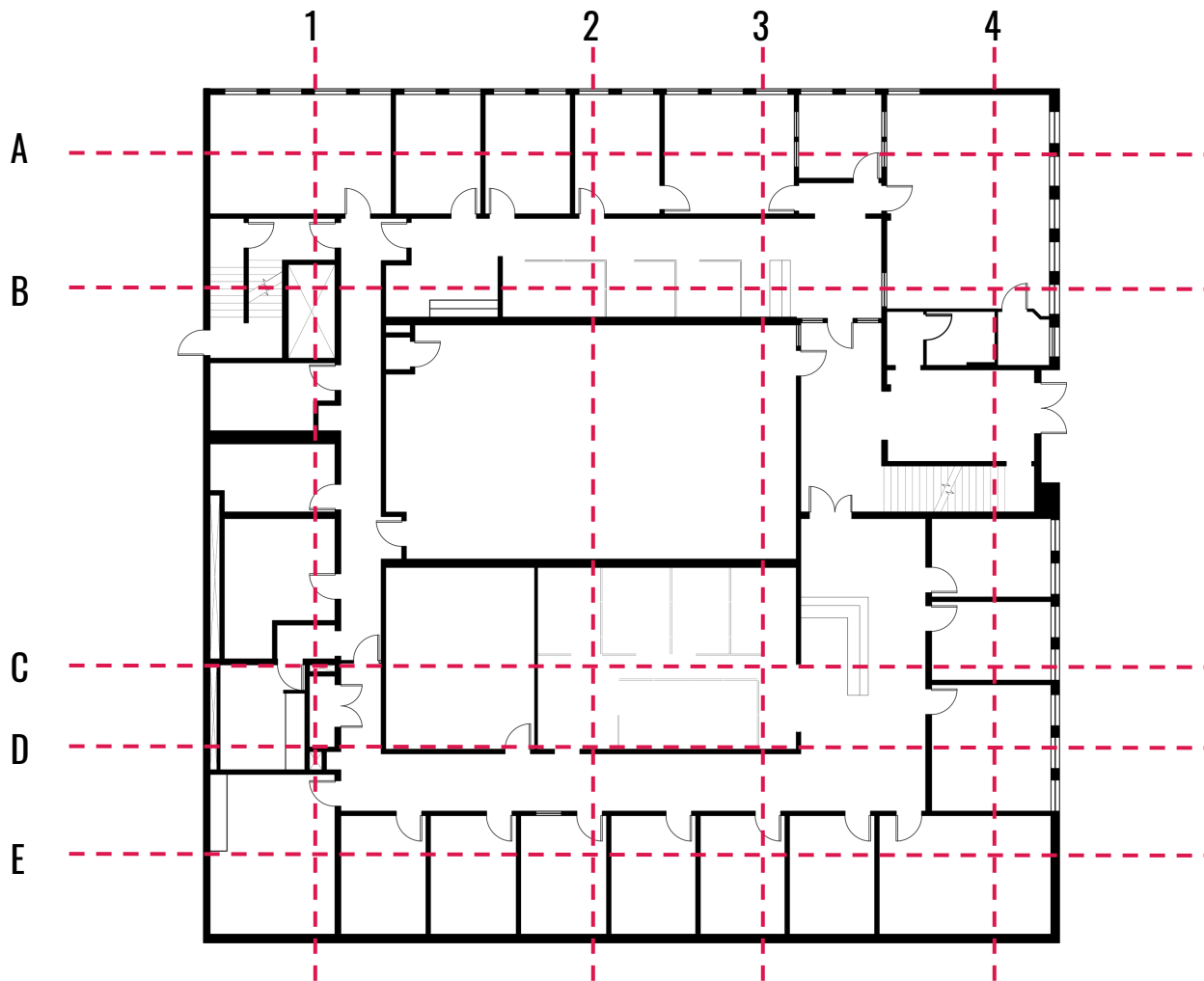
**Have you experienced the following
air quality conditions:**

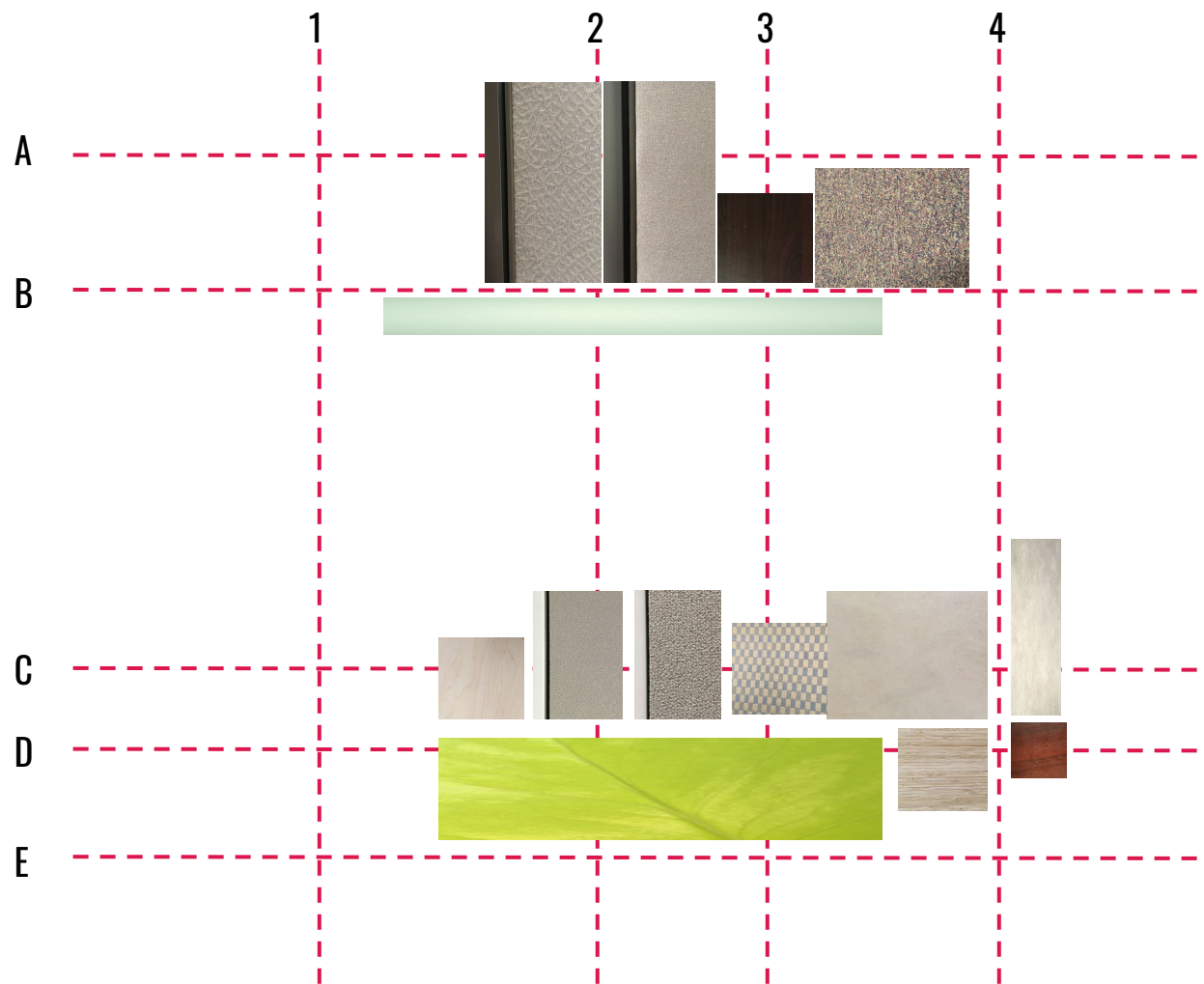
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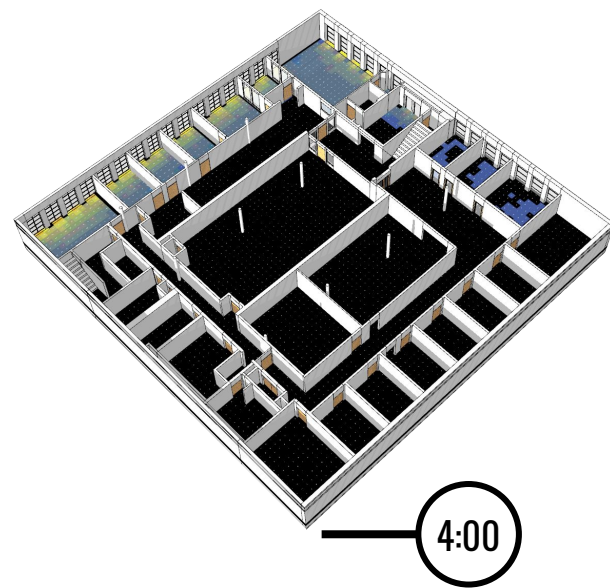
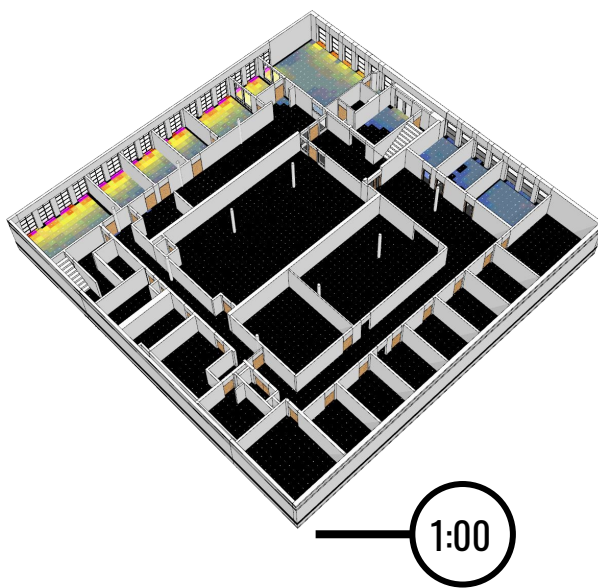
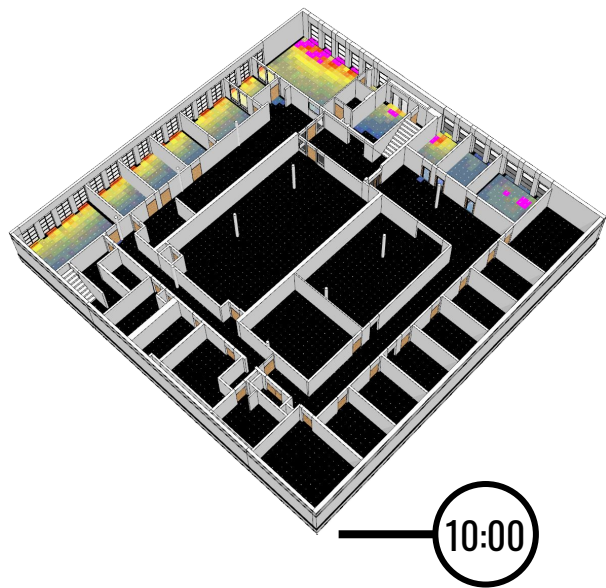
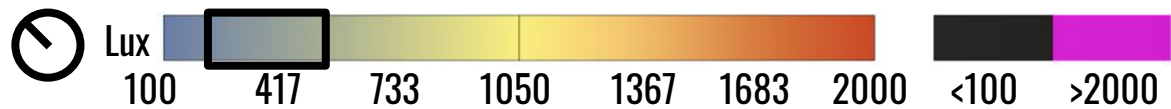


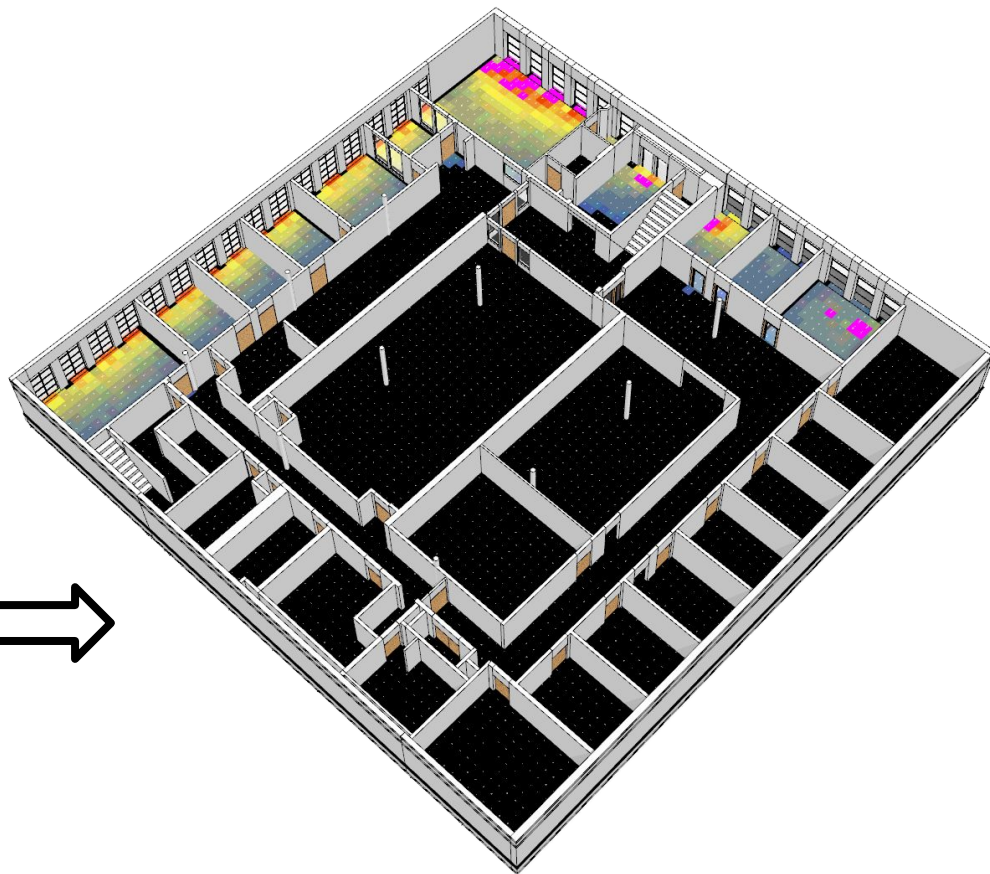
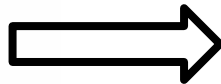
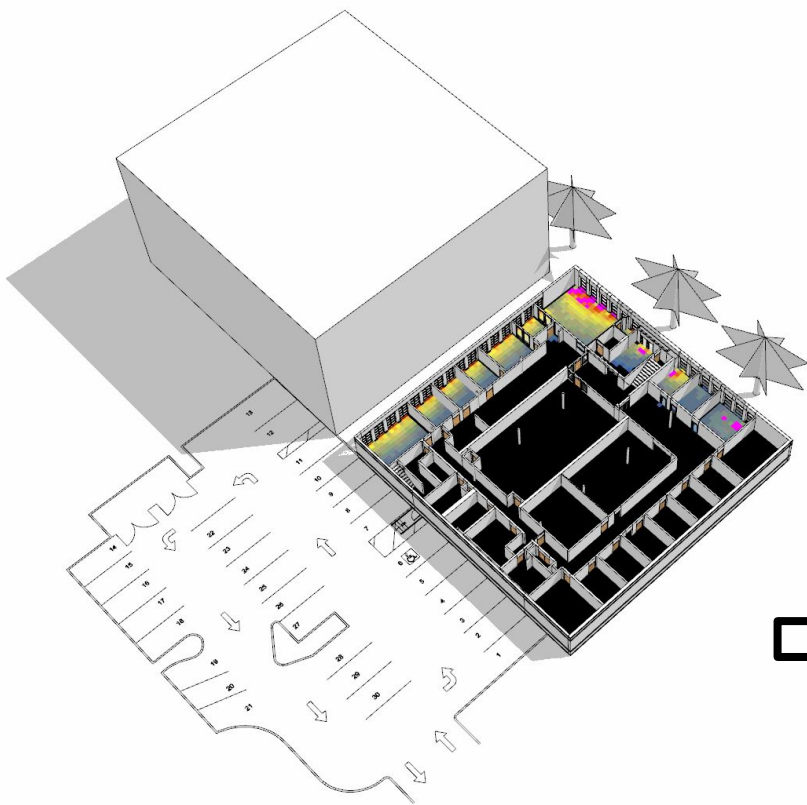
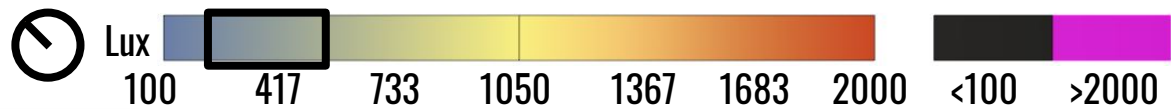


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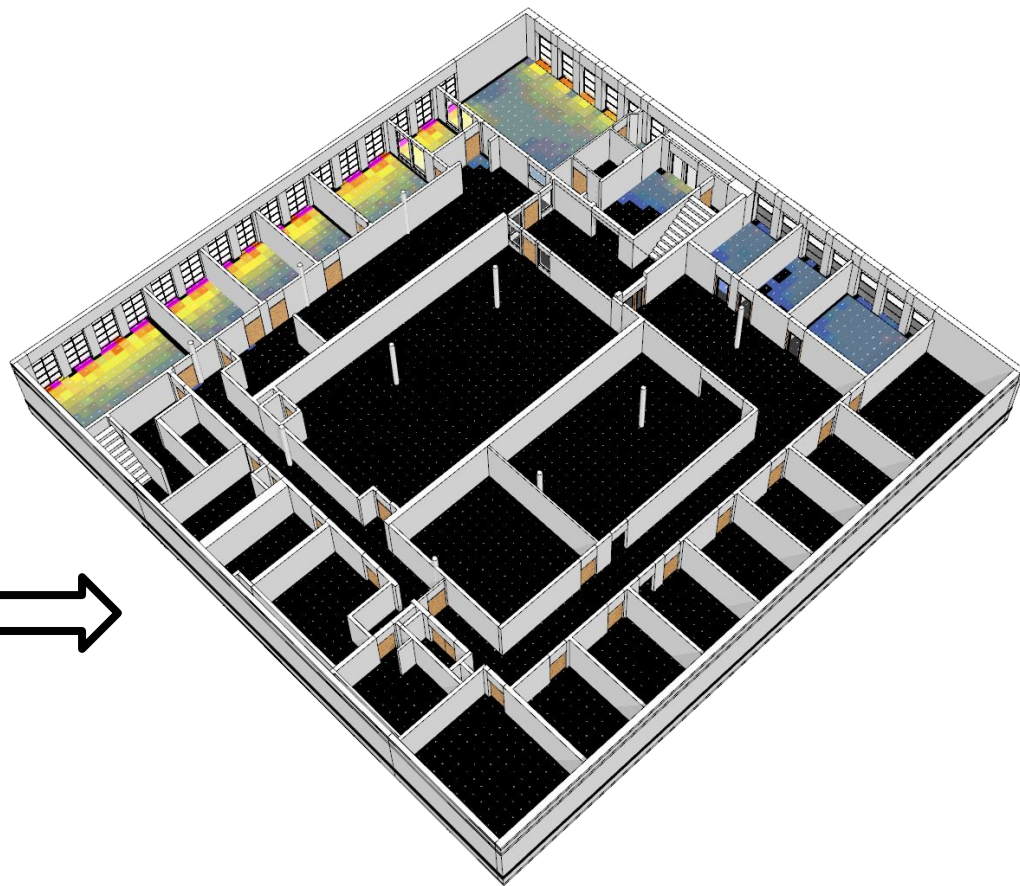
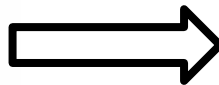
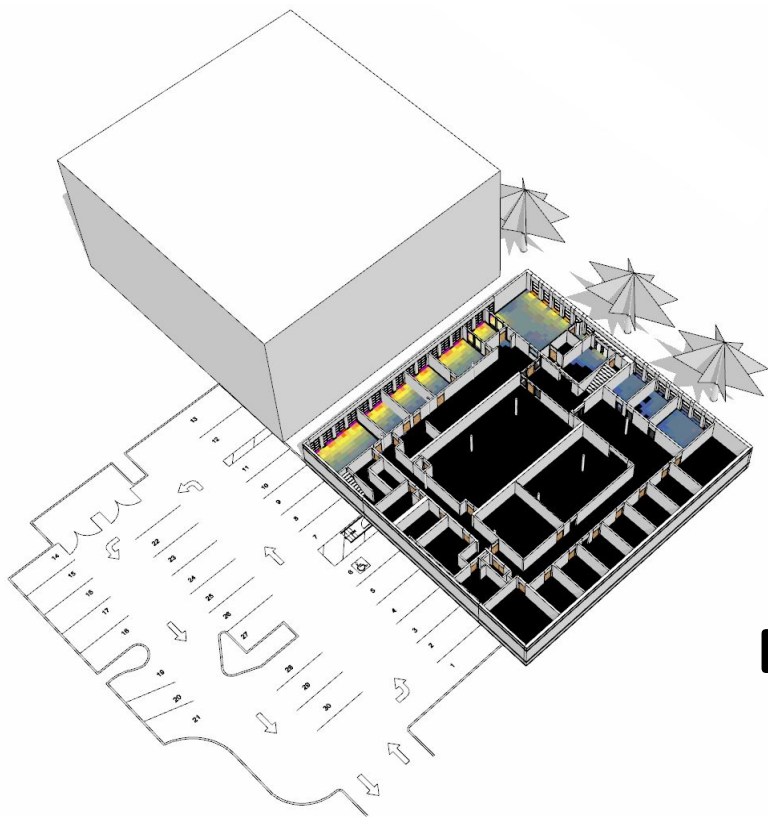
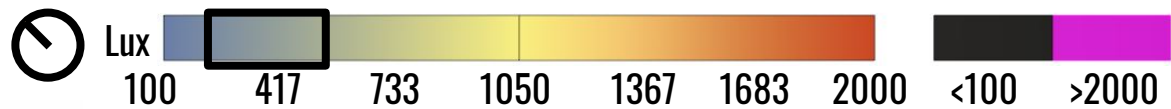






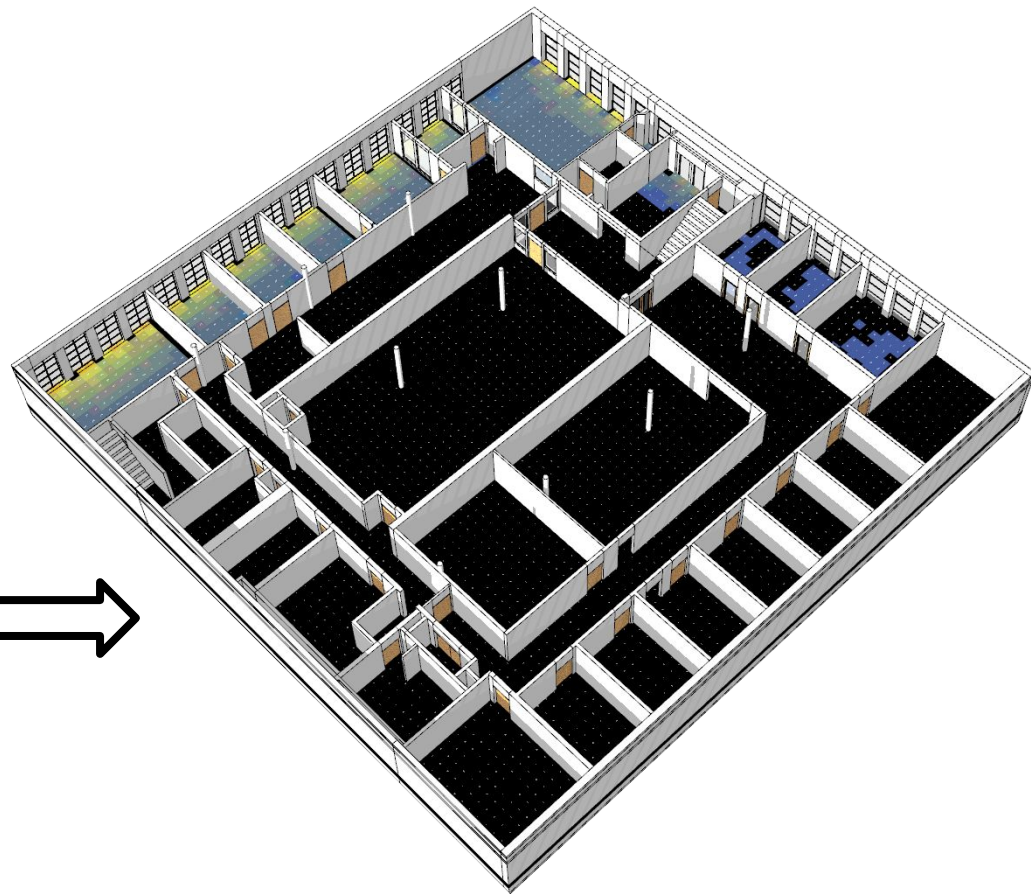
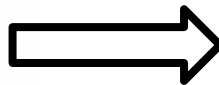
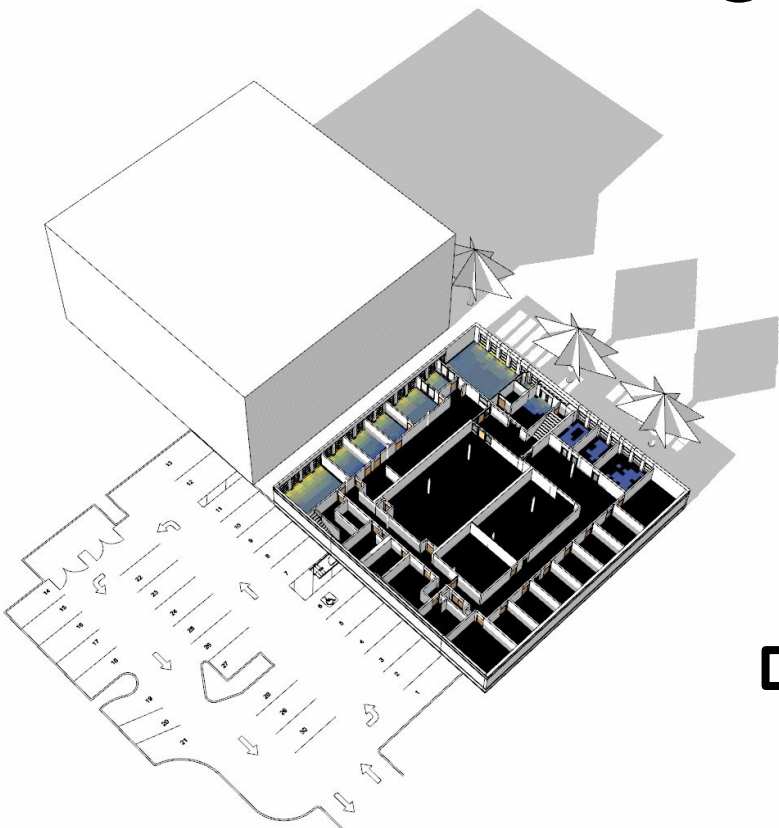
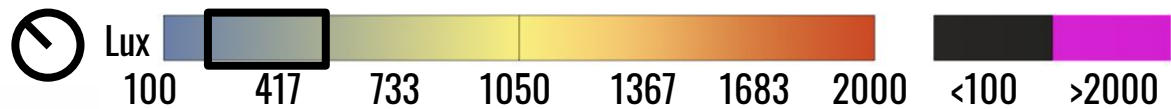
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● Past: Fluorescent Lighting

● Visualization: False-color